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TOWN HALL

DEPARTMENTS OFFICE HOURS

Clerk of Courts

9 A.M. - 1 P.M. Monday thru Friday

Police Department

8 A.M. - 4 P.M. Monday thru Friday

Selectmen's Office

8 A.M. - 4 P.M. Monday thru Thursday

8 A.M. - 2 P.M. Friday

Tax Collector

8 A.M. - 11 A.M. 2 P.M. - 5 P.M. Monday

Town Clerk

9 A.M. - 12 P.M.	1:30 P.M. - 5 P.M.	Monday
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.	1:30 P.M. - 5 P.M.	Tuesday
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.		Wednesday
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.	1:30 P.M. - 5 P.M. 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.	Thursday
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.	1:30 P.M. - 5 P.M.	Friday

Building Inspector

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

***IN MEMORIAM***

***FIRE DEPARTMENT  
PARKER DAVIS***

***FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHARLES E. JENNE***

***BUDGET COMMITTEE  
SAMUEL McHENRY***



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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Clifton E. Cook
Representatives to the General Court	Leonard Sanborn Annie Mae Schwaner K. Michael Tavitian Robert Vlack
Supervisors of the Checklist	George Bourque Katherine Fitzpatrick Marlene Todd
Selectmen	LeRoy S. Dube, Chairman Milton H. Todd Samuel D. Conti
Treasurer	Rosemarie L. Bayek
Collector of Taxes	Stanley T. Herrick
Town Clerk	Helen A. Hart
Trustees of the Public Library	Barbara N. Baratt, Chairman Nils Persson, Vice-Chairman Delores Ackerman, Secretary Ruth C. Cook, Corres. Sec. David Dana, Treasurer Robert H. Rochussen, Asst. Treas.
Auditors	Robert A. Chooljian John D. Fitzgerald
Fire Engineers	Gene Brown, Chief John D. Fitzgerald, 1st Engineer Robert A. Chooljian, 2nd Engineer Donald Petzold, 3rd Engineer David Moore, 4th Engineer
Constable	Alexander Brown, Jr.
Cemetery Trustees	Catherine L. Foster, Clerk Daniel Kissell Nancy Wendell

Budget Committee

Douglas Laing, Chairman  
Garold Morse, Vice-Chairman  
Eleanor P. Sargent, Secretary  
Rosemarie L. Bayek  
Robert Cheek  
Irving S. Gilman  
Richard Hawkins  
Kenneth Heim  
Daniel Kissel  
Michael McPherson  
William Sculley  
Joyce Wright  
Milton H. Todd, Selectman

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Administrative Assistant	Robert G. Casazza-----*
Attorney	Wyman Boynton-----*
Board of Adjustments	Donald E. Wood, Chm.----- 1982 John Fitzgerald, V. C.----- 1980 John Hansbury, Clerk----- 1983 Emile Langlois----- 1979 George W. Colby, Jr.----- 1981
Alternates on the Board of Adjustments	John A. Palmer----- Robert Lamond----- 1979 William F. Simmons----- 1982 Neil Walker-----
Bookkeeper	Brenda E. Major-----*
Building Inspector	Guy L. Sawyer-----*
Cemetery Sexton	Herbert K. Reed-----*
Census Taker	Theresa Bourque-----*
Civil Defense Director	T. Richard Latham-----*
Conservation Commission	Earl Smith, Chairman-----1981 Charles R. Cox-----1979 Donald D. Durand-----1980 Lawrence Gil-----1979 Peter Mertinooke-----1980 Randolph Pickersgill-----1981 Russell Sargent-----1979
Dog Officer	Donald Sargent-----*

Health, Board of	Artemas J. W. Packard, M.D.-----*
	Bernard J. Dube-----*
	Harold R. Edelstein, D.C.-----*
Highway Safety	Alexander Brown, Jr.-----*
	Gene Brown-----*
	T. Richard Latham-----*
	David Ingerson-----*
	Robert W. Bennett-----*
	Marilyn Senter-----*
	Earl Smith-----*
	Milton H. Todd, Selectman-----*
Highway Supervisor	Robert W. Bennett-----*
Industrial Commission	Irving S. Gilman-----*
	Charles R. Graham-----*
	Carlton S. Ingalls-----*
	Ronald Lague-----*
	William F. Simmons-----*
Librarian	Marjorie Knowles-----*
Assistant Librarian	Muriel Herrick-----*
Long & Short Range Committee	Rita Sampson-----*
Old Home Day Committee	Barry A. Sargent, Chm.-----*
	Linda McKay, V. Chm.-----*
	Marsha Gallotti, Secretary-----*
	Dennis Cronin, Treasurer-----*
Overseer of the Poor Welfare Department	Board of Selectmen-----*
Planning Board	Charles O. Stevens, II, Chm.--1979
	Walter Pearson, V. Chm.-----1980
	Paul Marcotte, Sec.-----1981
	Thomas H. Cullen-----1982
	Samuel D. Conti, Selectman
Alternates to the Planning Board	Marc Antkowiak-----*
	David Ingerson-----*
Police Department Chief	Alexander Brown, Jr.-----*
Full Time Patrolmen	Robert L. Tanguay-----*
	Joseph E. Coakley-----*
	Kenneth J. Heim-----*
	Bernard J. Dube-----*
	Bryan Richards-----*
Clerk	Joan M. Pichowicz-----*



Police Department  
Part Time Patrolmen

Ernest R. Brown-----\*  
Alfred E. Chase-----\*  
John W. Colby-----\*  
Frederick C. Copp-----\*  
Paul M. Dorman-----\*  
Ignatius A. Fournier-----\*  
Peter Galante-----\*  
Thomas E. Langlois-----\*  
Walter O'Connor-----\*  
Meredith Packard-----\*  
Gene V. Paul-----\*  
Nicholas Pichowicz-----\*  
William Query-----\*  
Bruce W. Roberts-----\*  
Clinton W. Senter, Sr.-----\*  
Bradley S. Smith-----\*  
Mark H. Todd-----\*  
Milton H. Todd-----\*  
James Vlack-----\*  
Curtis Young-----\*

Recreation Commission

Michael McPherson, Chm.-----\*  
Barbara James, Treas.-----\*  
Sue Sherman-----\*  
Earl Smith-----\*  
Paul Timson-----\*  
Blanche Ventura-----\*

Selectmen's Clerk

Ruth E. Jenne-----\*

Southern Rockingham Regional  
Planning District Comm.

Donald McKendry-----\*  
Thomas H. Cullen-----\*

Southern Rockingham Regional  
Transportation Policy

LeRoy S. Dube-----\*

Alternate

Daniel M. Kissel-----\*

Trustees of Trust Funds

Irving S. Gilman-----\*\*  
Pauline Keezer-----\*\*  
John Merrill-----\*\*

\* Until Recinded

\*\* Newly Appointed on November 20, 1978  
until Town Meeting in March

TOWN WARRANT  
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Pollard School in said Plaistow on Tuesday, the thirteenth of March, next, at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept funds for perpetual care of lots in the cemetery, to be paid to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.
5. Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the revised law relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this Town?   yes                   no
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) for the purchase of a replacement copy machine for use in the Town offices. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for inserting new sub-division changes on the 1975 assessors tax maps. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) to resurface the driveway in front of the Town Hall. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, Thirty-five Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars (\$35,192.00) of which Thirty-one Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Two Dollars (\$31,792.00) will be applied towards the purchase of an International 175C Crawler, Tractor, Loader and Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) being for the continuation of the rental of this equipment from January 21, 1979 to March 21, 1979. This machine is presently on a lease/purchase agreement. (If this article is not approved the following article, #10, is to be considered.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$20,400.00) for the rental of the International Model 175C Crawler, Tractor, Loader mentioned in article #9, above. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to purchase a cab for the Highway Road Grader. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) to renew the surface of certain Town roads with Mix and Place procedure. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) to oil, sand and shim selected Town roads where necessary. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) as the Town's share for the reconstruction of Greenough Road. The project will be matched with Federal Highway Administrative Funds in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).

The Town's share to be raised by the issuance of Town notes or bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and issue said bond, and to fix the rate of interest and all other terms thereof and to take such action as may be required to effectuate the purpose of this vote. (Submitted without recommendation of the Budget Committee. If this article is not approved the following article, #15, will apply)

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the repair of Greenough Road. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for Test Borings at the Sanitary Land Fill area for purposes of expanding the present site. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$325.00) for the erection of nine two way reflector street signs on Rolling Hill acres Section of the Town. (By Petition) (Submitted without recommendation of the Budget Committee)
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to hire an independent auditor to reconstruct the Cemetery Trustees records for a 6 year period and to determine the true picture of each individual account and to arbitrarily set a starting balance prior to 1972. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) for the purchase of a Fire Tank Truck. Bids to be publically solicited with specifications approved by the Board of Fire Engineers and purchased by means of a sealed bid. (If approved the following three articles will apply) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)



20. To see if the Town will vote to raise Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) by the Town notes or bond pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen (in anticipation of Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) and Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) from the Fire Department Equipment Fund) to negotiate and issue said bond, or note and to fix the rate of interest and all other terms there of and to take such action as may be required to effectuate the purpose of this vote to the purchase of the Fire Tank Truck approved in article #19 above. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund to apply against the note or bond authorized in article #20 above. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) as it is received from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 to apply against the note or bond authorized in article #20 above. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand and Twenty-six Dollars (7,026.00) to continue the Administrative Assistant position to the Planning Board from May 5 thru December 31, 1979. (This position approved at the 1978 Town Meeting for a portion of a year but Town funds were not used.) (Submitted without recommendation of the Budget Committee)
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to increase the salary of the Town Clerk from \$400.00 to Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) to be used only for the remuneration of the Deputy Town Clerk for services when rendered. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand and Twelve Dollars (\$6,012.00) to continue the position of the Police Clerk from March 30, 1979 to December 31, 1979. Thereafter this position will be included as a continuing Police Department budget item. (Submitted without recommendation of the Budget Committee)
26. To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to pay legal expenses of the Plaistow Police Chief in his present legal suit against the Board of Selectmen. (By petition) (Submitted without recommendation of the Budget Committee)
27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, Eighteen Hundred and Forty-five Dollars (\$1,845.00) to purchase and install three 19000 BTU air conditioners in the Public Library Building. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)



28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the renovation and completion of the second floor of the Town Library Building. (By petition) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) to shore up the roof of the Public Library Building. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to defray the expenses of Old Home Day for the citizens of Plaistow. (RSA 31:4 XXI) (By Petition) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) to conduct Halloween Parties for the Children of Plaistow. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00) for the purpose of conducting a Summer Recreation program for all the children of Plaistow in Grades one through eight. Also, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate, and do all things necessary to get approval of and to accept and spend Community Service Administration (CSA) Funds for the purpose of purchasing recreation equipment and materials. Said CETA and CSA funds to be used to reduce the above dollar sum appropriated by the Town. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
33. Be it resolved by the Town of Plaistow that the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in the Town of Plaistow, in the State of New Hampshire, that said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project for elderly persons under Section 8 of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended, for any of the following accommodations or a combination thereof: (a) existing standard housing 30 dwelling units; (b) substantially rehabilitated housing 10 dwelling units; (c) the total amount of the foregoing not to exceed 40 dwelling units.
34. To see if the Town of Plaistow will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) being a contribution to the Vic Geary Drop-In Center for Senior Citizens. (By petition) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) being a contribution to the Mental Health Center for Southern N. H. by the Town of Plaistow for service to its citizens. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) being a contribution to the Newmarket Health Center, Inc. Service by the Town of Plaistow for transportation service to Plaistow Senior Citizens. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for the Plaistow Historical Society for display cases, fireproof cabinets and materials for the preservation of historical artifacts. (By Petition) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make application for and to receive and spend up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of funds that may become available to the Town under "The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973" as amended (CETA) for the purpose of providing federally subsidized training and employment opportunities to benefit both residents of the community and the community-at-large. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
39. To see if the Town will vote to require that the Selectmen, before disposing of real property, the title to which has been acquired by the Tax Collector's deed, first consult with the Conservation Commission, said Commission to recommend of the retention of such real property would be in the best interest if the Town as provided in RSA 80:42a, subject to final ratification of the next annual or a special Town Meeting.
40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend Seventeen Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars (1,729.00) provided to the Town of Plaistow by the United States Office of Revenue Sharing as provided in their Anti-Recessional Assistance Fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector, whenever necessary, to appoint a Deputy Tax Collector with the approval of the Selectmen.
42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell tax deeded property at public auction and to set the minimum amounts.
43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in the interest of justice and/or hardship to convey tax deeded property, in payment of all taxes, interest and costs, to the person or persons or their heirs from whom the property was taken at the tax sale.
44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell a parcel of land on Harriman Road (Map 69, Block 2, Lot 9) approximately 2900+ square feet with an approximate 147+ foot frontage to William and Rose Bennett, 20 Harriman Road, Plaistow for the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus all legal and engineering fees.
45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to J. Russell Colcord a parcel of landlocked land approximately 14,400 square feet at the Westville Road Rear described on Assessors Map 45, Block 1, Lot 41 for the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).



46. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way known as Christie Lane presently owned by Leo P. LaRochelle, Plaistow, N. H. Acceptance contingent on conveyance of the deed to the Town.
47. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way (to the point of the cul-de-sac) the private way known as Woodland Drive presently owned by Dorothy M. Kissel, Georgetown, Mass. Acceptance contingent on conveyance of the deed to the Town.
48. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way known as Country Club Lane presently owned by Richard J. Manno, Brentwood, N. H. Acceptance contingent on conveyance of the deed to the Town.
49. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance proposed by the Board of Fire Engineers:

#### FIRE AND SMOKE DETECTOR ORDINANCE

1. No single family dwelling or multiple occupancy shall be sold and no structural change or repair of a value in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be made thereto unless and until the structures have installed therein approved fire detection product of combustion system. The detectors shall be sensitive to any of the products of combustion except that detectors sensitive only to heat are not acceptable. Alarm signalling devices shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms when all intervening doors are closed. For the purpose of installation and maintenance only, the applicable sections of National Fire Protection Association pamphlet No. 74, "Standard for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of a Household Fire Warning System" shall be considered accepted engineering practices.

#### LOCATION:

At least one smoke detector shall be installed to protect each sleeping area. A sleeping area is defined as the area or areas of the family living unit in which the bedroom (or sleeping rooms) are located. Where bedrooms or rooms ordinarily used for sleeping are separated, by other use areas (such as kitchens or living rooms, but not bathrooms or closets), they shall be considered as separate sleeping areas for the purpose of this section.

#### INSTALLATION:

In new residential dwellings, smoke detectors shall be wired directly, (hard wired) to the building's power supply. In other existing dwellings, it is preferred that smoke detectors be wired directly to the power supply, however, said detectors may be powered by self-monitored battery or operated in a plug in outlet which is fitted with a plug retainer device, provided the outlet is not controlled by any switch other than the main power supply. All detectors must be Underwriters Laboratory or Factory Mutual approved.

## CERTIFICATION AT CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY:

At every change of occupancy of every dwelling unit occasioned by or incidental to a sale, lease or sublease of said unit, it shall be the duty of the grantor thereof (ie, the seller, lessor, or sublessor as the case may be) to certify, before occupancy, to the new occupant that all smoke detectors as required by this section (or other applicable laws) are installed and in proper working condition. Failure to comply with this subsection shall be punishable as set forth therein; provided however, that this section shall not be construed to violate or render void any contract, lease or sublease subject thereto.

2. Concerning smoke detectors, fire and smoke detection and prevention in pre-school kindergarten and day care centers.

All kindergartens and day care centers in the Town of Plaistow having one (1) to four (4) children enrolled, are required to install smoke detectors as per specifications of the governing body.

All kindergartens and day care centers in the Town of Plaistow having five (5) to fifteen (15) children enrolled, are required to install smoke detectors with an outdoor audible alarm as per specifications of the governing body.

All kindergartens and day care centers in the Town of Plaistow having over fifteen (15) children enrolled must have an automatic fire and smoke detection system which is connected to the dispatch center as per requirements of the governing body.

Compliance with this section will be mandatory by January 1981.

3. If any section, paragraph, sub-division, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance or of the building code shall be judged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or portion thereof, other than that portion so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Any firm, person or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the District Court shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each offense, and each and every day violation continues, it shall constitute a separate offense.

The above ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after passage by the Town. By January 1981 it will be mandatory that all other single Family, Multiple Dwellings in the Town of Plaistow be protected with Fire and Smoke Detectors as described in this ordinance.



50. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance:

1. The maximum gross vehicle weight of any vehicle traveling on the Class V Highways in the Town of Plaistow shall be 10 tons.
2. Exception. This limit shall not apply to the following vehicles.
  - A. Emergency vehicles
  - B. Utility vehicles
  - c. Vehicles making deliveries in Plaistow.
3. The Board of Selectmen may grant special permits for those highways by loads in excess of ten tons, on such terms as may be required to insure the safety of persons and property, and to insure that the said highways will not suffer thereby.

51. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance:

Owners or leasee's conducting or proposing to conduct a commercial or industrial enterprise shall be required, annually, to register the enterprise with the Building Inspector. All present owners or leasees must register their enterprises with sixty (60) days of the passage of this article. New businesses must register at least five (5) days before commencement of business. Registration fee for owners or leasees shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per year.

52. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Delete the words "also such articles as are manufactured" from Article III Section A so that it would read:

"Home Produce and Products means and includes everything of an agricultural nature grown, produced, conditioned or otherwise carried on the property of the resident or altered by members of the household of the bonafide resident of any property." (Recommended by the Planning Board)                      yes                      no

2. (By Petition) Add an additional Wetlands sub-section under Article IV which would read:

"No construction of waste disposal or permanent structure shall be permitted on or within 100 feet of poorly or very poorly drained soils, fresh water marshes, and perennial or intermittent streams as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, for Plaistow, New Hampshire in June of 1977.

1. Wetland areas shall be determined from soil survey field sheets which contain the results of the soil survey. Such field sheets are available at the Town Office, Building Inspector, and the United States Soil Conservation Service Office in Exeter, N. H.
2. In the event that an area is incorrectly designated on the soil

survey field sheets as containing a wetland area, any person aggrieved by such a designation may apply for variance by presenting proof of incorrect designation to the Plaistow Zoning Board of Appeals. Such proof will be at the expense of the aggrieved."  
(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)      yes      no

3. (By Petition) Add an additional Wetlands sub-section under Article IV which would read:

"1. Purpose:

In the interest of Public health, convenience, safety and welfare, the regulation of wetland areas is intended to guide the use of areas of land with standing water or extended periods of high water tables:

(a) To protect persons and property from the danger of floods by preserving natural flood water storage areas;

(b) To prevent the Town from incurring the costs of constructing central sewer and treatment facilities which will be necessitated by the unwise development of unsuitable areas;

(c) To prevent the development of structures on soils which will cause the pollution by sewage of surface and ground waters necessary to supply domestic water needs;

(d) To provide recharge areas necessary to maintain adequate ground water supply and augment stream flow during dry periods;

(e) To encourage uses that can appropriately and safely be located in wetland areas.

2. Designated Wetland Areas

The wetland areas of Plaistow are those areas of the Town that contain fresh water marshes, ponds and lakes, perennial and intermittent streams, and soils defined as poorly drained by the National Cooperative Soil survey conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service. (Plaistow 1977)

3. Map Showing Wetland Areas

Wetland areas shall be determined from soil survey field sheets which show the results of the soil survey, referenced in Par. 2. These field sheets are available from the U. S. Soil Conservation Service Office in Exeter and are on file with the Planning Board, Town Office and Conservation Commission.

#### 4. Appeals

In the event that an area is incorrectly designated on the soil survey field sheets as containing a wetland area, any person aggrieved by such a designation may present evidence of such incorrect designation to the Planning Board. Adequate evidence shall mean an on-site soils investigation and analysis conducted by a qualified Soil Scientist. Such investigation shall be undertaken at the expense of the person so aggrieved.

#### 5. Permitted Uses

Permitted uses in designated wetland areas are any uses that are compatible with the purposes specified on Section I and do not involve significant alteration of the wetland. Such uses include:

- (a) Forestry and tree farming in accordance with the recommendation of Rockingham County Forester.
- (b) Water sources.
- (c) Wildlife habitat and habitat development.
- (d) Conservation areas, nature trails and passive recreational uses.
- (e) Open Space areas.
- (f) Scientific study areas--Plant identification, wetland ecology, bird establishment of self-guiding nature trails.
- (g) Agricultural uses.

#### 6. Easements, Right of Way

In areas containing soils designated as poorly drained, permitted uses may include utility easements and access routes to other areas. \*Such uses may be permitted after site plan approval has been obtained from the Planning Board pursuant to R. S. A. 36:19-a.

#### 7. Calculation of Minimum Lot Size

(a) Areas designated as poorly drained may be utilized to fulfill twenty-five percent (25%) of the minimum lot size required by the Zoning Ordinance for the district wherein the wetland is located.

(b) Areas designated as very poorly drained or fresh water marsh may not be utilized to fulfill any of the minimum lot size required by the Zoning Ordinance for the district wherein the wetland is located.

#### 8. Buffer Zone

(a) No building from which waste water is to be discharged shall be constructed within seventy-five feet (75') (22.9 meters) of any designated wetland area.



(b) No sub surge waste water disposal system shall be constructed within one hundred feet (100') (31.5 meters) of any designated wetland area.

- \* Qualified Soil Scientist is interpreted to mean a person qualified in soil classification and who is recommended or approved by the Rockingham County Conservation District Supervisors."

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)      yes              no

4. (By Petition) Add an additional Wetlands sub-section under Article IV which would read:

"There is to be no changing of topography on or within 200 feet of designated area for the preservation of Plaistow's natural sources.

There is to be no building or earth moving of any kind in these areas.

There is also to be no polluting of Plaistow's waters, surface and sub surface.

Designated areas shall be where there is standing water, flowing water marshes, swamps, intermittent streams, flood potential, natural runoff for spring thaw, natural wildlife habitats, or wetland soil including poorly or very poorly drained soils (water at or near surface more than seven months a year) classified by the National Cooperative Soil Survey conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture.

A detailed description of these soils is included in the publication entitled "Soil Survey-Plaistow, New Hampshire" issued in January, 1977. This report is on file with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Selectmen, the Town Clerk and Building Inspector.

Wetland areas shall be determined from soil survey field sheets which show the results of the soil survey. These field sheets are available from the United States Soil Conservation Service Office in Exeter and are on file with the Planning Board, Town Clerk and Conservation Commission."

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)      yes              no

5. (By Petition) Add an additional Wetlands sub-section under Article IV which would read:

A. Purpose: This ordinance shall halt all use of land in those areas of Plaistow which are designated wet.

- (1) To protect for health, safety, welfare and fire.
- (2) To protect from danger of flood.
- (3) To prevent the need of town sewer treatment facilities.
- (4) To protect the town's surface and sub surface water supply.



- (5) To improve present water quality.
- (6) To protect present wildlife.
- (7) To prevent altering the present waterways (stream, rivers, runoff areas, or intermittent streams.)

B. Designated Wetland Areas.

- (1) Those areas where there is:
  - (a) Standing water.
  - (b) Flowing water.
  - (c) Marshes.
  - (d) Swamps.
  - (e) Perennial streams.
  - (f) Intermittent streams.
  - (g) Flood potential.
  - (h) Natural runoff.
  - (i) Wetland Soils (poorly and very poorly drained).\*
  - (j) Seasonal high water table of 5 feet or less.
  - (k) Wetland vegetation.
  - (l) Areas within 200 feet of the afore mentioned areas.

\* Water on or near surface by the National Cooperative conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service (Publication entitled: "Soil Survey-Plaistow, N. H., January 1977".) on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Building Inspector.

C. Responsibility

- (1) Selectmen
- (2) Planning Board
- (3) Conservation Commission
- (4) Building Inspector
- (5) Health Officer
- (6) Health Inspector

D. Appeals.

The aggrieved party must proceed as follows:

- (1) Must prove that all afore mentioned designated wetland areas are not being violated.
- (2) Must get majority approval from all parties stated in section C: Responsibilities.
- (3) Must agree in writing to pay for any detriment which would occur in the future.

E. Permitted Uses.

- (1) Wildlife habitat
- (2) Nature study
- (3) Open spaces
- (4) Scientific study
- (5) Bird Sanctuary
- (6) Wetland ecology

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)                      yes                      no

6. At the end of Article IX, Section H4, Titled Permits, add:

"A permit is required prior to the initial installation or major renovation of any oil burning equipment. There shall be a \$5.00 permit fee which must accompany any application for a permit to install oil burning equipment. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

7. Under Article XIII titled When Effective add the following to the end of the existing sentence:

"However, any subdivision or site development which was given approval or conditional approval prior to the first posting for a Zoning Amendment change hearing shall be exempt from any Zoning Ordinance Amendments subsequently adopted. In the event that any subdivision or site development approval or conditional approval expires or otherwise becomes void, all Zoning Ordinance Amendments in effect at the time of resubmission shall be adhered to." (Recommended by the Planning Board)

8. Change <sup>yes</sup>the note following <sup>no</sup>Article XIII to read:

"Regulations governing the subdivision of land and non-residential site development Regulations are available as two documents separate from this Ordinance." (Recommended by the Planning Board)                      yes                      no

9. Add the words "and commercial" in Article VII Section 2 so that it would read:

"Industrial and Commercial uses of land and buildings may be permitted if approved, after public hearing, by the Board of Adjustment in accordance with such conditions, restrictions, and safeguards as may be deemed necessary by the Board for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and general welfare of the community from the emission of dust, smoke, odor, noise or vibration. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

10. For <sup>yes</sup>clarification <sup>no</sup>re-number and give titles to all of the Sections and Subsections of this ordinance without changing any text as has been adopted. (Recommended by the Planning Board)                      yes                      no

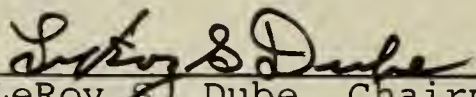
53. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain Federal Interest Free Loans, and to expend the same, as may be required for the preparation of plans and designs of Town Roads, Municipal Buildings, extension of Water System and Sewer System and other Town function.
54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts for specific purposes for the Town of Plaistow.
55. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to make application for and to receive and spend in the name of the Town, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for Town purposes as may now, or hereafter be forthcoming from Federal, State, Local or private agencies that would be of benefit to the Town.
56. To see if the Town will vote to accept as submitted the reports of Agents, Auditors, and other officers and committees heretofore appointed.

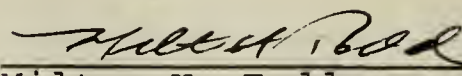


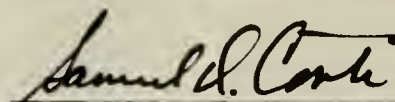
57. To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-nine.

Selectmen  
of  
Plaistow

  
LeRoy S. Dube, Chairman

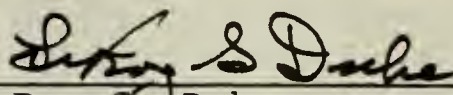
  
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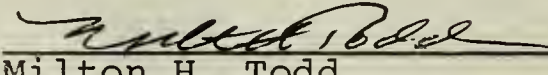
  
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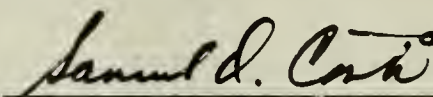
PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
February 19, 1979

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Selectmen  
of  
Plaistow

  
LeRoy S. Dube

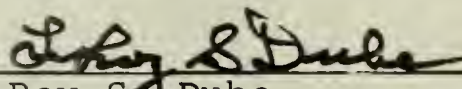
  
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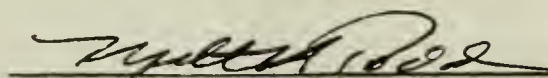
  
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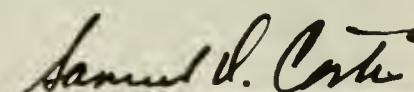
PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
February 19, 1979

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attached copy at the Plaistow Post Office, being a public place said Town, on the 19th day of February 1979.

Selectmen  
of  
Plaistow

  
LeRoy S. Dube

  
Milton H. Todd

  
Samuel D. Conti



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
Jan. 1, 1979 to Dec. 31, 1979 Compared with same period last year

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1978	Actual Revenue Prev. Year 1978	Estimated Revenue Ens. Year 1979
<u>From Local Taxes:</u>			
Resident Taxes	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 33,970.00	\$ 32,000.00
Yield Taxes		268.54	100.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		10,087.85	8,000.00
Resident Tax penalties		10.00	
<u>From State:</u>			
Meals & Rooms Tax	40,000.00	48,721.90	40,000.00
Interest & Divid. Tax	20,000.00	38,895.39	30,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	8,000.00	10,036.58	9,000.00
Highway Subsidy	32,292.43	31,938.49	31,938.00
Town Road Aid		3,879.00	3,879.00
Reimb. Forest Fires		780.71	
Reimb. Bus. Profit Tax	7,993.00	7,993.00	7,993.00
Reimb. Gasoline Tax		1,324.06	1,000.00
Reimb. Dist. Court Furn.		1,583.00	
Reimb. Town Poor - State		565.60	
Reimb. Town Poor - County		71.50	
<u>From Local Sources, Except Taxes:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	110,000.00	157,542.00	125,000.00
Dog Licenses and Fines	2,000.00	4,207.20	2,500.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	830.20	500.00
Fines & Forfeits- D. C.	10,000.00	17,013.73	10,000.00
Rent of Town Property	10.00	70.00	50.00
Int. Rec. on Deposits	20,000.00	52,825.86	35,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	10.00	10.68	10.00
Income from Departments	2,100.00	8,701.25	3,000.00
Income from Water System		1,527.10	2,000.00
Surplus		53,000.00	75,000.00
Building Permits		10,899.11	4,000.00
Cemetery		2,108.13	2,000.00
Police		5,798.19	800.00
CETA		41,985.96	50,000.00
<u>Receipts other than Current Revenue:</u>			
Revenue Sharing Fund		42,469.00	31,187.00
Anti Recession Fund		1,729.00	
Federal & State Sources	288,470.00		
Total Rev. & Cr. from all Sources Except Prop. Taxes:	\$571,885.43	\$591,343.03	\$504,957.00
Amount to be raised by Prop. Taxes Exclusive of <u>County &amp; School Taxes:</u>			\$409,182.87
<u>Total Revenue:</u>			\$914,139.87 =====

Purpose of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year	Appropriations Recommended By Budget Committee	Appropriations Submitted Without Rec. of Budget Committee
	1978	1979	1979
<u>General Government:</u>			\$
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 16,331.70	\$ 18,808.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	51,120.00	51,385.00	
Elections & Registrations	2,621.78	1,000.00	
District Court	19,350.00	19,658.00	
Town Hall Expense	17,550.00	17,009.00	
Reappraisal of Property		2,500.00	
<u>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</u>			
Police Department	110,947.07	122,327.00	
Fire Department	40,809.45	44,851.00	
Care of Trees	1,500.00	1,600.00	
Planning & Zoning	5,940.00	5,940.00	
Damages by Dogs	3,000.00	3,054.00	
Insurance (Lagasse Bldg.)		400.00	
Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Conservation Commission	300.00	310.00	
Building Inspector	2,200.00	11,307.00	
Regional Planning District	3,401.00	3,434.00	
<u>Health Department:</u>			
Ambulance	11,100.00	11,178.00	
Health Department	600.00	600.00	
Vital Statistics	100.00	100.00	
<u>Highways and Bridges:</u>			
Town Road Aid	581.80	661.41	
Street Lighting	23,625.00	26,000.00	
Public Works Department	*155,798.43	135,514.00	
* (Combined figure includes land-fill & highway plus emergency appropriation)			
<u>Libraries:</u>			
Library Trustees	24,100.00	22,733.46	

<u>Public Welfare:</u>				
Town Poor	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$	
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	15,000.00		
<u>Patriotic Purposes:</u>				
Memorial Day	500.00	500.00		
<u>Recreation:</u>				
Recreation Commission	5,094.00	5,882.00		
Parks & Playgrounds	1,000.00	1,000.00		
<u>Public Service Enterprises:</u>				
Municipal Water System	13,000.00	16,230.00		
Cemeteries	4,000.00	3,500.00		
Industrial Commission	1.00	1.00		
<u>Unclassified:</u>				
Damages & Legal Expenses	4,000.00	10,000.00		
<u>Debt Service:</u>				
Principal-Long Term Notes & Bonds	33,000.00	31,000.00		
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	7,857.00	5,881.00		
Interest on Temporary Loans	20,000.00	50,260.00		
Total Operating Budget	\$ 605,421.23	\$ 666,623.87		
<u>Special Articles:</u>				
Replacement copy machine - T. H.	\$	\$ 1,800.00	\$	
Update tax assessors maps		800.00		
Resurface Town Hall driveway		550.00		
Purchase of Crawler-Tractor-Loader		35,192.00		
Rental of Crawler-Tractor-Loader		20,400.00		
Cab. for Highway Road grader		1,000.00		
Renew selected roads - mix & place		13,000.00		
Oil, Sand, & Shim selected roads		14,000.00		
Reconstruct Greenough Road				100,000.00
Repair Greenough Road		10,000.00		
Test borings at Sanitary Landfill		1,000.00		
Street signs for Rolling Hills area				325.00
Audit Cemetery Trustees reports		2,500.00		
Purchase new Fire Tank Truck		(b) 42,000.00		
Planning Board Admin. Assistant	3,371.10			7,026.00



Increase Salary of Town Clerk	\$	500.00	\$
Continue Police Clerk II			6,012.00
Pay legal expenses of Police Chief			1,500.00
Library Air Conditioners		1,845.00	
Renovate Second Floor of Library		35,000.00	
Shore up Roof of Library		550.00	
Old Home Day		500.00	
Halloween Parties		700.00	
Summer Recreation Program	(a)	5,100.00	
Contribution to Vic Geary Center		5,000.00	
Contribution to Salem Health Center		3,000.00	
Contribution to Newmarket Health Center		600.00	
Historical Society Cabinets		750.00	
CETA Funds	(a)	50,000.00	
Anti-Recessional Funds	(a)	1,729.00	
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund			
Highway Equipment Fund			
Well & Pump-Recreation Field			
Sweet Hill Land purchase			
Lagasse Property			
Fire House doors	(b)		
Library - Hot Top Parking Lot			
Library - Roof Repairs			
Kelley Brook-Water Testing			
Highway Water Sump Pump			
Police Department - Furniture			
District Court - Furniture			
Town Clerk/Tax Collector-Furniture			
One Ton Dump Truck - Highway			
Hydraulic Sander - Highway			
Fire Alarm - Town Hall			
Fire Alarm - Fire House, etc.			
Storage Cabinet - Flag & Banner			
Town Audit			
Sub-total- Special Articles	\$	247,516.00	\$ 114,863.00
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	\$	914,139.87	=====

(a) Federal or State Source  
(b) Revenue Sharing Funds

SUMMARY AND INVENTORY

Land		\$ 11,811,845.00
Buildings		\$ 38,311,685.00
Public Utilities:		
Gas	\$ 335,150.00	
Electric	<u>1,245,692.00</u>	\$ 1,580,842.00
Boats and Launches		\$ 19,148.00
Less:		
Current Use Value Credit		<u>\$ 101,195.00</u>
Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed		\$ 51,622,325.00
Less:		
Elderly & Blind Exemptions		<u>\$ 988,300.00</u>
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$ 50,634,025.00 =====

Number of Inventories Distributed for 1978

Mailed	2135
Date Mailed	March 15, 1978
Number of Inventories Returned	1740

Selectmen:

LeRoy S. Dube  
Milton H. Todd  
Samuel D. Conti

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES  
ASSESSED FOR 1978

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Town Officers Salaries	\$ 16,331.70
Town Officers Expenses	53,320.00
Elections & Registrations	2,621.78
District Court	19,350.00
Town Hall Expenses	17,550.00
Police Department	110,940.07
Fire Department	40,809.45
Care of Trees	1,500.00
Planning & Zoning	5,940.00
Damages by Dogs	3,000.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	4,000.00
Civil Defense	1,000.00
Ambulance	11,100.00
Health Department	600.00
Vital Statistics	100.00
Town Dump	29,594.00
Highway Department	126,204.43
Street Lighting	23,625.00
Town Road Aid	581.80
Libraries	24,100.00
Town Poor	16,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Recreation Commission	5,094.00
Parks & Playgrounds	1,000.00
Water Tower Maintenance	13,000.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00
Conservation Commission	300.00
Industrial Commission	1.00
Southern Rockingham Regional Planning	3,401.00
Temporary Loans - interest	20,000.00
Long Term Notes - interest	7,857.00
Long Term Notes	33,000.00
*Fire Department Equipment Fund	10,000.00
*Highway Department Equipment Fund	5,000.00
*Salem Mental Health	3,000.00
*Vic Geary Drop In Center	5,000.00
*Sunmer Recreation Program	5,270.00
*Children's Halloween Parties	700.00
*Anti-Recessional Funds	242.00
*Old Home Day	500.00
*Well & Pump - Recreation Park	500.00
*Sweet Hill Land Purchase	5,800.00
*Lagasse Building & Land Purchase	100,000.00
*CETA Funds	125,000.00
*Fire House Doors	2,500.00



STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES  
ASSESSED IN 1978 (CONT.)

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*Library - Hot Top Parking Area	\$ 2,000.00
*Library - Roof Repairs	1,300.00
*Historical Society - Display Cabinet	500.00
*Kelley Brook - Water Testing	3,700.00
*Planning Board - Administrative Assistant	3,371.10
*Water Sump Pump - Highway Dept.	1,000.00
*Police Department Furniture	1,500.00
*District Court Furniture	1,583.00
*Town Clerk & Tax Collector Furniture	1,400.00
*1 Ton Dump Truck	10,000.00
*Hydraulic Sander - Highway Dept.	3,700.00
*Fire Alarm System - Town Hall	3,900.00
*Fire Alarm System - Fire House, etc.	2,500.00
*Storage Cabinet - 225th Flag and Banner	300.00
Town Audit	7,222.88
County Tax Assessment	79,346.00
Timberlane Regional School District	<u>1,813,053.78</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 2,805,309.99

Less - Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Town Road Aid	\$	3,879.00	
Interest & Dividends Tax		34,118.00	
Savings Bank Tax		10,037.00	
Highway Subsidy		20,874.00	
Meals & Rooms Tax		43,868.00	
Yield Tax		200.00	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		10,087.85	
Resident Tax Penalties		365.00	
Fighting Forest Fires		780.71	
Resident Taxes Retained		32,790.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes		5.00	
Summer Recreation Program		5,270.00	
CETA		125,000.00	
Police - ASAP		2,170.00	
Water Tower Maintenance		1,527.10	
Dog Licenses		3,823.20	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing		1,149.00	
Fines & Forfeits - District Court		16,288.33	
Rent of Town Property		70.00	
Interest Received on Deposits		36,321.00	
Income from Trust Funds		10.68	
Income from Departments		17,723.00	
Motor Vehicle Permits		140,000.00	
Federal EDA Funds		30,000.00	
Anti-Recessional		242.00	
Cash Surplus		<u>53,000.00</u>	\$ 589,598.87
Total of Town, County, & School			\$ 2,260,374.83
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted			
1970 Special Session			\$ 153,723.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits			30,200.00
Overlay			<u>11,447.73</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised			\$ 2,748,299.56
=====			
Taxes to be committed to Collector:			
Gross Property Taxes			\$ 2,748,099.56
Less War Service Credits			<u>30,200.00</u>
Total Tax Commitment			\$ 2,748,299.56
=====			
Tax Rate Approved by State Commssion per \$100.00			
Municipality	\$	.54	
County		.15	
School		<u>3.56</u>	
	\$	<u>4.25</u>	

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 1978

APPROP. ACC.	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	BALANCE	OVERDRAFT	RECEIPTS	BAL. WITH REC.
Town Off. Sal.	\$ 16,331.70	\$ 15,800.84	\$ 530.86	\$	\$	\$ 530.86
Town Off. Exp.	\$ 53,320.00	55,171.95		1,851.95	12,942.53	11,090.58
Elec. & Reg.	2,621.78	1,571.12	1,050.66		33.00	1,083.66
District Court	19,350.00	19,116.37	233.63		17,013.73	17,247.36
Town Hall Exp.	17,550.00	18,847.64		1,297.64	70.00	(1,227.64)
Police Dept.	110,940.07	114,090.62		3,150.55	9,314.59	6,164.04
Fire Dept.	40,809.45	41,480.92		671.47	1,150.09	478.62
Care of Trees	1,500.00	1,445.80	54.20			54.20
Plan & Zoning	5,940.00	2,623.91	3,316.09		1,675.35	4,991.44
Dog Damages	3,000.00	3,104.91		104.91		(104.91)
Dam. & Legal Ex.	4,000.00	10,785.97		6,785.97		(6,785.97)
Civil Defense	1,000.00	987.89	12.11			12.11
Ambulance	11,100.00	11,000.00	100.00			100.00
Health Dept.	600.00	615.09		15.09	845.00	829.91
Vital Statistics	100.00	65.00	35.00			35.00
Town Dump	29,594.00*	29,989.49		395.49		(395.49)
Highway Dept.	126,204.43*	131,437.24		5,232.81	1,540.43	(3,692.38)
Street Lighting	23,625.00	23,885.55		260.55		(260.55)
Town Road Aid	581.80	581.80	-			-
Libraries	24,100.00	25,411.76		1,311.76	1,311.76	-
Town Poor	16,000.00	5,858.79	10,141.21		675.54	10,816.75
Old Age Asst.	9,000.00	3,700.81	5,299.19			5,299.19
Memorial Day	500.00	344.09	155.91			155.91
Rec. Comm.	5,094.00	4,265.97	828.03			828.03
Parks & Play.	1,000.00	296.52	703.48			703.48
W. T. Maint.	13,000.00	13,516.60		516.60		
Cemeteries	4,000.00	2,718.23	1,281.77		1,527.10	1,010.50
Cons. Comm.	300.00	150.00	150.00		2,108.13	3,389.90
Ind. Comm.	1.00		1.00			150.00
Regional Plan.	3,401.00	4,284.30		883.30		1.00
Temp. Loans-Int.	20,000.00	32,941.40		12,941.40		(883.30)
Long Term Note-Int	7,857.00	7,615.50	241.50		31,885.25	18,943.85
Long Term Notes	33,000.00	33,000.00				241.50
Fire D. Eq. Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	-			-
High D. Eq. Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	-			-
Salem Men. Health	3,000.00	3,000.00	-			-
Vic Geary Center	5,000.00	5,000.00	-			-



Summer Rec.	\$ 5,270.00	\$ 5,585.86	\$	315.86	\$ 1,687.71	\$ 1,371.85
Halloween Part.	700.00	700.00	\$ -			-
Anti-Recessional	242.00	242.00	-			-
Old Home Day	500.00	280.00			21.00	241.00
Well-Recreation	500.00	338.08				161.92
Sweet Hill Pur.	5,800.00*	5,721.00				79.00
Lagasse Prop.	100,000.00*	5,000.00				95,000.00
CETA Funds	125,000.00	44,628.62			41,985.96	122,357.34
Fire House Door	2,500.00	2,361.00				139.00
Lib. - Hot Top	2,000.00	1,600.00				400.00
Lib. - Roof Rep.	1,300.00	1,362.20		62.20		(62.20)
Hist. Soc. - Cab.	500.00	449.00				51.00
Kelly Br.-W. Test.	3,700.00	2,940.00				760.00
Plan Bd.-Adm. Asst	3,371.10					3,371.10
Water Pump-High.	1,000.00	906.00				94.00
Pol. Dept.-Furn.	1,500.00	1,403.00				97.00
Dist. Court-Furn.	1,583.00	2,592.95		1,009.95	1,583.00	573.05
T.Cl.-T.Col.-Furn	1,400.00	1,361.41				38.59
1 T. Dump Truck	10,000.00	9,179.64				820.36
Hyd. Sander	3,700.00	3,700.00				-
Fire Alarm-T. H.	3,900.00	3,755.00				145.00
Fire Alarm-others	2,500.00	1,979.00				521.00
Storage Cabinet	300.00	300.00				-
Town Audit	7,222.88*	7,278.00		55.12		(55.12)
	\$912,910.21	\$743,368.84	\$206,508.95	\$36,967.58	\$127,370.17	\$296,911.54
Less Overdrafts						
Unexpended Balance						
Overlay	\$11,447.73					
Refunds & Abate. (voucher)	1,994.83					
Less Abateements to Coll:						
Prop. & Res. 1978	6,383.15					
Prop. & Res. Pr. Yrs.	8,151.67					
Net Unexpended Balance			\$ (5,081.92)			
			\$164,459.45			

Less Overdrafts  
Unexpended Balance

Overlay  
Refunds & Abate. (voucher) \$11,447.73  
Less Abateements to Coll:  
Prop. & Res. 1978 6,383.15  
Prop. & Res. Pr. Yrs. 8,151.67  
Net Unexpended Balance

\* Highway Dept. Emergency Approp. \$11,094.50  
\* Town Dump - Emergency Approp. 2,171.00  
\* Town Audit - Emergency Approp. 7,222.88  
\* Lagasse Build. - Money to be Spent 1/17/79  
\* Sweet Hill Land Purchase \$5,000.00 in Escrow

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## Assets

Cash on Deposit		\$ 945,082.25
Cash on Deposit - Specials:		
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund	\$ 24,592.61	
Highway Dept. Equipment Fund	10,234.64	
Greenough Rd. Urban "D"	3,150.00	
Water Line Account	5,469.03	
Planning Bd. Recreation Account	13,390.79	
Revenue Sharing Account	92,214.40	
EDA Public Works Account	700.00	
Water Tower Maintenance	763.55	
Woodlawn Drive	300.00	
CETA	7,354.35	
Anti-Recessional	<u>1,729.00</u>	\$ 159,898.37
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Year 1977	\$ 81,458.90	
Year 1976	42,249.59	
Year 1975	9,024.43	
Previous Years	<u>11,355.03</u>	\$ 144,087.95
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property, Resident, Poll & Yield Taxes:		
1978 (Penalties 1,080.98)	\$228,052.88	
1977	1,253.31	
1976	150.00	
Previous Years	5,434.85	
Head Tax	<u>220.00</u>	\$ 235,111.04
		\$ 1,484,179.61
		=====

## Liabilities

Timberlane Regional School District		\$ 1,103,042.00
Special Reserve Accounts:		
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund	\$ 24,592.61	
Highway Dept. Equipment Fund	10,234.64	
Greenough Rd. Urban D.	3,150.00	
Water Line Account	5,469.03	
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Anti-Recessional	<u>1,729.00</u>	\$ 159,898.37
		\$ 1,262,940.37
Surplus		\$ 221,239.24
		\$ 1,484,179.61
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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

December 31, 1978

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING BONDS AND LONG TERM NOTES

	Water Line (Notes) 1970 6.50%	Highway (Notes) 1976 5.15%	Water Extension (Notes) 1976 5/30%	Library (Notes) 1977 4.50%	Total Annual Maturities
	Original Amount	Original Amount	Original Amount	Original Amount	
	\$60,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$32,000.00	
1979	\$ 6,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
1980	3,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	28,000.00
1981		10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00
1982			5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
1983			5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
1984			5,000.00		5,000.00 <sup>4</sup>
1985			5,000.00		5,000.00
1986			5,000.00		5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$114,000.00
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>Town Hall:</u>	
Land and buildings	\$ 225,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
<u>Library:</u>	
Land and Building	105,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	15,500.00
<u>Police Department:</u>	
Equipment	15,500.00
<u>Fire Department:</u>	
Land and Building	90,000.00
Equipment	144,000.00
<u>Highway Department:</u>	
Land and Building and Disposal Area	54,700.00
Equipment	79,000.00
Materials and Supplies	3,000.00
<u>Recreation:</u>	
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	42,500.00
<u>Water Supply Facilities:</u>	187,000.00
<u>Water Holes:</u>	7,500.00
<u>Cemetery Equipment:</u>	400.00
<u>Band Stand:</u>	7,000.00
<u>Lagasse Building:</u>	50,000.00
<u>Lagasse Land:</u>	100,000.00
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	\$ 959,100.00

LAND AND BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX DEEDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	
Addie Carter	24A Mt. Misery	1	\$ 5,100.00
Arthur Cote	29A Merrill Land	2	12,100.00
G. Lorentzen	1A Noyes Farm	2	50.00
G. Denoncour, Est.	1A Castle Land	2	50.00
L. Demarais, Est.	Land - Danville Rd.		100.00
H. Harris	Land - Old County Rd.		19,100.00
H. Harris	Land - Main St.		10,350.00
H. Harris	Land - Main St.		9,300.00
R. Douglas	Land - Greenough Rd.		10,650.00
Owner Unknown	Land - 4 Birch St.		3,200.00
Owner Unknown	Land - Plaistow Rd.		1,100.00
Owner Unknown	Land - Center Circle		2,200.00
Owner Unknown	Land - Massassoit Blvd		6,050.00
Elmer Harris	Land & Bldgs. - E. Pine St.		28,900.00
			<hr/>
			\$ 108,250.00

Code 1 Held for future town value

Code 2 Town's title clouded - not free to sell



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May 18, 1978

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen  
Town Office  
Plaistow, New Hampshire 03865

Members of the Board:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination of the accounts of the Town of Plaistow for the years ended December 31, 1976 and 1977, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audits must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent Town records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination were the accounts of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library and District Court. The records of the Trustees of Trust Funds were unauditable because they were not properly kept and were not in balance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Analysis of Changes in Fund Balance: (Exhibits A-2 and H-2)

On a budgetary basis, the changes in Fund Balance for the years ended December 31, 1976 and 1977 are summarized as follows:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Appropriated Fund Balance - 1977 Special Appropriations Continued to 1978	\$	\$ 3,000
Unappropriated:		
Net Overdrafts of Appropriations	( 68,427)	( 80,761)
Revenues in Excess of Estimates	133,712	126,914
January 1 Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes	( 67,000)	( 70,000)
Decrease in Fund Balance	<u>(\$ 1,715)</u>	<u>(\$ 20,847)</u>

Analysis of Long-Term Debt:

Long-term debt issues of \$122,000 were issued during 1976 which resulted in a net increase of long-term debt of \$109,000 during the year ended December 31, 1976. Long-term debt issues of \$32,000 were issued during 1977 which resulted in a net increase of \$500. Outstanding long-term debt amounted to \$147,000 at December 31, 1977.

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds:

The Town received \$49,648 in 1976 and \$44,222 in 1977 of Federal Revenue Sharing funds including interest earned. During 1976, the Town authorized a transfer of \$70,000 to the General Fund for expenditure. At December 31, 1977, there remains an unexpended balance of \$45,049 for future uses which must be expended within 24 months of receipt.

GENERAL COMMENTSOverdraft of Appropriations and Application of the Municipal Budget Law:

There were overdrafts of Town budgetary appropriations of \$68,166 for the year ended December 31, 1976 and \$70,617 for the year ended December 31, 1977.

Inasmuch as the Town of Plaistow has adopted the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law (Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes Annotated), the Board of Selectmen, with the written approval of a majority of the Budget Committee, should have made application to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration for a certificate of emergency, authorizing expenditures in excess of budgetary appropriations. The Board of Selectmen failed to take such action and expenditures in excess of those authorized by the voters of Plaistow at the respective Town Meetings were improper, resulting in a violation of Section 10 of the Municipal Budget Law.

Capital Reserve Funds:

The Town of Plaistow maintains Capital Reserve Funds for Fire Department Equipment and Highway Equipment. Such funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

R.S.A. 35:10 states in part; "The trustees of trust funds of a town or city shall have custody of any capital reserve funds of a town...."

It is recommended that such Capital Reserve Funds be transferred to the Trustees of Trust Funds in accordance with R.S.A. 35:10.

Treasurer:

At the present time tax anticipation notes are issued by the Selectmen's office and together with other idle funds, are invested by them in savings accounts and certificates of deposit. The Treasurer was not involved in these transactions.



GENERAL COMMENTS  
(Continued)

Treasurer: (Continued)

R.S.A. 33:7 states in part; "...towns may incur debt in anticipation of taxes of the financial year in which the debt is incurred, in order to pay current maintenance and operational expenses..."

R.S.A. 41:29 states in part; "...whenever the town treasurer has in his custody an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, he shall, with the consent of the selectmen, invest the same in obligations of the United States government, in savings bank deposits of banks incorporated under the laws of the state of New Hampshire or in certificates of deposits of banks incorporated under the laws of the state of New Hampshire or in national banks within this state or the state of Massachusetts."

It is recommended that the current practice be discontinued and that monies borrowed and investment of idle funds be made by the Treasurer with the consent of the Selectmen as prescribed by the above statutes.

Bond and Note Register:

The Treasurer does not maintain a bond and note register in accordance with R.S.A. 33:12, which states in part; "...the treasurer of every municipal corporation shall keep a register in such form as may be prescribed by the commissioner of revenue administration, which shall state the denomination, number and date of every bond or note issued by the municipality, the time when and the place where the principal thereof and interest, if any, thereon are payable and such other information as the commissioner of revenue administration may prescribe...."

It is recommended that a bond and note register be set up and maintained by the Town Treasurer.

Cash Receipts Journal:

Cash receipts were not in all instances recorded by the Treasurer in the cash receipts journal. Monies borrowed and/or transferred from savings banks were not always recorded. Interest received from the various savings bank accounts were not always entered. In order to ascertain the actual amounts of money received by the Town, it was necessary to analyze the bank statements, savings accounts, purchase, sale and roll over of certificates of deposits and interest received thereon. This has been discussed with the new Treasurer and will be corrected by her.

Cash Disbursements Journal:

The practice employed during the period of audit was to have the Treasurer issue checks in payment of vouchers rather than using the bottom section of the

GENERAL COMMENTS  
(Continued)

Treasurer: (Continued)

Cash Disbursements Journal: (Continued)

voucher as a check. The entries in the cash disbursements journal were made by voucher number, rather than check number. In the instance of payroll vouchers, one number and amount was entered, even though several checks were issued for the payroll. This has been discussed with the new Treasurer and the Selectmen. A separate checking account will be opened for the payroll and general fund vouchers have been sent to the bank for insertion of the bank name, number and account number in order that the bottom portion may be used as checks. This method was instituted in June of 1978.

Special Savings Accounts:

It was the usual procedure at the end of the year to issue checks for the unexpended balances of certain special appropriations in order to close out the appropriation for that particular year. These checks were deposited in special accounts in a savings bank. At a later date, when expenditures were made for the special appropriations, a transfer was made from the savings account to the checking account to cover such payments. The money as transferred was entered as a receipt at that time.

It is recommended that this practice be discontinued immediately. The special savings accounts should be transferred to the general fund and future appropriations to be carried forward should be handled in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration with the money to be retained in the general fund in accordance with good business practice.

E.D.A. Funds - Water Construction Project:

Payments for expenses applicable to the Water Construction Project funded by a grant from the Federal Office of Economic Development Administration are made from general funds. Periodically, funds are transferred from the E.D.A. Fund to the general fund to reimburse this account for such payments. In accordance with Federal regulations, a detailed audit of the Water Construction Project will be made upon completion of the project.

Tax Collector:

It was disclosed that the Tax Collector's warrants represented uncollected taxes dating back to 1960 and unredeemed taxes to 1932, listed as follows:

GENERAL COMMENTS  
(Continued)

Tax Collector: (Continued)

<u>Year of Levy</u>	<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>	<u>Unredeemed Taxes</u>
1977	\$483,076	\$
1976	1,250	80,126
1975	228 *	30,273
1974	80 *	11,474
1973	50 *	5,366
1972	80 *	2,907 *
1971	200 *	1,457 *
1970	290 *	290 *
1969	1,711 *	56 *
1968	425 *	127 *
1967	1,861 *	276 *
1966	530 *	303 *
1965	107 *	610 *
1964 - 1932	<u>145 *</u>	<u>341 *</u>
	<u>\$490,033</u>	<u>\$133,606</u>

\* It was determined that because of the age of these levies that the amount of \$12,074 be reserved as uncollectible and such reserve included in the Balance Sheet.

Town Clerk:

The audit of the Town Clerk's accounts revealed that in 1976 motor vehicle permits were transferred between the Town of Plaistow and the Town of Atkinson. This practice should be discontinued immediately since the control of such permits is maintained by the Department of Safety by permit number. All requests for additional permits should be made to the Department of Safety in order that such controls be maintained.

The Department of Safety has been informed as to the permit numbers involved in this transfer.



GENERAL COMMENTS  
(Continued)

Library:

It was noted during the course of the audit that in some instances receipts for reimbursements for lost books, etc, were entered in the cash payments journal as a credit to the expense, rather than as a receipt in the cash receipt journal. It is recommended that all receipts be entered in the cash receipts journal in order that the true receipts and expenditures be recorded.

The moneys received for fines on overdue books is not reflected in the cash receipts journal as received. Such funds are periodically deposited in a special fund maintained by the library trustees and when needed for the purchase of new books, funds are transferred by the library trustees to the library general fund and used to purchase new books. It is recommended that such fines be recorded in the general fund receipts in order that all moneys be accounted for in such fund.

In addition, there were no surety bonds on file with this Division for the library trustees.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

The Town of Plaistow does not have Trustees of Trust Funds. The Cemetery Trustees act in this capacity.

The records of the Cemetery Trustees of Trust Funds are not maintained in accordance with the provisions of R.S.A. 31:27, which states in part; "...and provided further, that the participating contributory interest of said trusts are properly evidenced by appropriate bookkeeping entries showing on an annual basis the capital contribution of and the profits and income allocable to each trust."

The funds have been invested in common funds, but there are no individual trust fund records showing the amount of principal or the income allocable to each trust.

Inasmuch as records were not maintained reflecting the information required by R.S.A. 31:27, and the lack of a cash book, it was not feasible to attempt to audit the records of the Cemetery Trustees until such time as this problem has been corrected.

It is recommended that the Cemetery Trustees immediately set up such records as required and to maintain a cash receipts and expenditures journal.

Late Committment of Resident Taxes:

R.S.A. 76:12 states in part; "...Before June first of each year, unless the time therefore is extended by the commissioner of revenue administration, the selectmen of towns....shall commit to the collector of taxes a warrant, under their hands and seal, together with a list of resident taxes...."

GENERAL COMMENTS  
(Continued)

Late Commitment of Resident Taxes: (Continued)

The commitment for 1976 resident taxes was dated July 16, 1976 and the commitment for 1977 resident taxes was dated September 12, 1977. This was not in accordance with the aforequoted statute.

C.E.T.A. Funds:

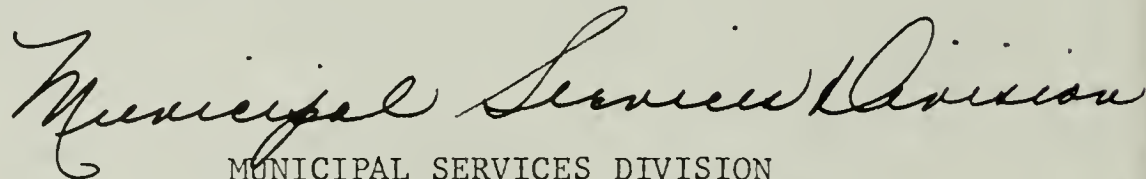
R.S.A. 32:5 states in part; ".... All monies appropriated by the town.... shall be stipulated in the budget on a "gross" basis, showing revenues from all sources, including grants, gifts, bequests, and bond issues, as offsetting revenues to appropriations affected...."

The revenues and expenditures involving C.E.T.A. Funds were not estimated or budgeted in the two years under examination.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 71-A, Section 19, require that the auditor's summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town of Plaistow for their assistance during the course of the audit.



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We have examined the financial statements of the various funds and account groups of the Town of Plaistow for the year ended December 31, 1976, listed in the foregoing table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. The financial statements of the Cemetery Trust Funds were not adequately maintained and are not included in the accompanying financial statements, and were not audited by us.

As is the practice with most New Hampshire municipalities, the Town of Plaistow has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets, and accordingly as statement of general fixed assets required by generally accepted accounting principles is not included in the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the various funds and account groups of the Town of Plaistow listed in the foregoing table of contents present fairly the financial position of those funds at December 31, 1976 and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The supplemental schedules included in this report, although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations of such funds and account groups are presented primarily for supplemental analysis purposes. This additional information has been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the aforementioned examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

May 18, 1978

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*Municipal Services Division*

May 18, 1978

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 1, 1978 through December 31, 1978

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1978 Permits	\$ 157,542.00
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<u>Filing Fees:</u>	23.00
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Dog Licenses Issued:

385 Neutered Dogs	\$ 1,311.70	
315 Male Dogs	1,825.50	
75 Female Dogs	469.25	
3 Lost Tags, Replaced @.25	.75	
142 Penalties	216.00	
1 Kennel License	12.00	
2 Kennel Licenses @\$20.00	40.00	
1 Kennel License	25.00	3,900.20

<u>Dog Fines for Dog Pickup:</u>	230.00
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<u>Fees Charged for Bad Checks:</u>	25.00
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<u>Revenue from Sale of 12 Police Officer's Examination Booklets @.35</u>	4.20
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TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED . . . . .	\$ 161,724.40
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CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 157,506.50	
Filing Fees	23.00	
Dog Licenses	3,900.20	
Dog Fines for Dog Pickup	230.00	
Fees Charged for Bad Checks	25.00	
Revenue from Sale of Booklets	4.20	\$ 161,688.90

Denise LaRose, 7 Dalton St., Plaistow, N. H. Check returned because of stop payment (Applicant moved to Mass. and returned plates and registration to Motor Vehicle Division, Concord, N. H.)	35.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TREASURER	\$ 161,724.40
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Respectfully submitted,

Helen A. Hart  
TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants  
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1978

-Debits-

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,131,223.16
Resident Taxes	32,590.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>5.00</u>

Total Warrants	\$ 2,164,868.16
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<u>Yield Taxes:</u>	268.54
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,371.88
Resident Taxes	<u>1,030.00</u>
	3,401.88

Interest Collected on Delinquent

<u>Property Taxes</u>	186.24
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Penalties Collected on

<u>Resident Taxes</u>	<u>89.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 2,168,813.82
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-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,902,739.01
Resident Taxes	31,090.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	5.00
Yield Taxes	268.54
Interest Collected	186.24
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>89.00</u>
	\$ 1,934,377.79

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 6,323.15
Resident Taxes	<u>60.00</u>
	6,383.15

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:

(as Per Collectors List)

Property Taxes	\$ 224,532.88
Resident Taxes	<u>3,520.00</u>
	<u>228,052.88</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 2,168,813.82
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants  
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1977

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1978:

Property Taxes	\$ 479,216.37	
Resident Taxes	3,860.00	
Yield	<u>279.67</u>	\$ 483,356.04

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes		420.00
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<u>Interest Collected on</u>		
<u>Delinquent Property Taxes:</u>		9,901.61

<u>Penalties Collected on</u>		
<u>Resident Taxes</u>		<u>271.00</u>

TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 493,948.65 =====
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-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year  
Ended December 31, 1978:

Property Taxes	\$ 473,663.09	
Resident Taxes	2,730.00	
Yield Taxes	6.36	
Interest Collected During Yr.	9,901.61	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>271.00</u>	\$ 486,572.06

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 5,553.28	
Resident Taxes	<u>570.00</u>	6,123.28

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:  
(as per Collector's List)

Resident Taxes	\$ 980.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>273.31</u>	<u>1,253.31</u>

TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 493,948.65 =====
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants  
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1976

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1978:

Resident Taxes	\$ 1,250.00
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Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	10.00
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Penalties Collected on  
Resident Taxes:

12.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 1,272.00  
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-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal  
Year Ended December 31, 1978:

Resident Taxes	\$ 120.00	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	12.00	

\$ 132.00

Abatements Made During Year:

Resident Taxes	990.00
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Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:  
(as per Collector's List)

Resident Taxes	150.00
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TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 1,272.00  
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants  
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1975 back to 1957

-Debits-

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Polls Taxes	\$	70.00	
Property Taxes		4,939.77	
Resident Taxes		610.00	
Yield Taxes		<u>15.08</u>	\$ 5,634.85

Penalties Collected on Delinquent

<u>Resident Taxes:</u>		<u>3.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 5,637.85	=====
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-Credits-

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal  
Year Ended December 31, 1978:

Resident Taxes	\$	30.00	
Penalties on Resident Taxes		<u>3.00</u>	\$ 33.00

Abatements Made During Year:

Resident Taxes		170.00
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Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:

Poll Taxes	\$	70.00	
Property Taxes		4,939.77	
Resident Taxes		410.00	
Yield Taxes		<u>15.08</u>	<u>5,434.85</u>

TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 5,637.85	=====
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax

Levy of 1970

-Debits-

<u>Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1978:</u>	<u>\$ 220.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$ 220.00</u> =====
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-Credits-

<u>Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:</u> <u>as per Collector's List)</u>	<u>\$ 220.00</u>
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TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$ 220.00</u> =====
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REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Tax Sales Account - As of December 31, 1978

-Debits-

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	1977	1976	1975	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1978	\$	\$80,125.60	\$30,273.16	\$23,207.47
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	91,306.98			
<u>Interest Collected After Sale</u>	<u>175.03</u>	<u>1,170.90</u>	<u>4,126.32</u>	<u>2,465.25</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$91,482.01	\$81,296.50	\$34,399.48	\$25,672.72
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-Credits-

Remittance to Treasurer  
During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 9,720.30	\$35,575.42	\$19,232.57	\$ 6,444.38
Int. & Cost After Sale	175.03	1,170.90	4,126.32	2,465.25
<u>Abatements During Year</u>	127.78	103.47	104.05	533.09
<u>Deeded to Town During Yr.</u>		2,197.12	1,912.11	4,874.97
<u>Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1978</u>	<u>81,458.90</u>	<u>42,249.59</u>	<u>9,024.43</u>	<u>11,355.03</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$91,482.01	\$81,296.50	\$34,399.48	\$25,672.72
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1978 through March 16, 1978

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978		\$ 520,977.39
Special Savings Accounts from Appropriations returned to General Fund		<u>62,481.23</u>
Balance on Hand		\$ 583,458.62
Received from Tax Collector	\$ 298,592.17	
Received from Town Clerk	15,191.95	
Received from Revenue Sharing	10,617.00	
Received from Building Inspector	633.62	
Received from other sources	<u>19,610.83</u>	<u>\$ 344,645.57</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 928,104.19
Less Selectmen's Orders		<u>\$ 690,349.03</u>
Balance on Hand, March 16, 1978		\$ 237,755.16
Less returned checks	\$ 17.00	
Less Addition error	<u>.50</u>	<u>17.50</u>
Balance on Hand, March 16, 1978		\$ 237,737.66

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Jenne,  
TREASURER



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

March 16, 1978 through December 31, 1978

Balance on Hand - March 16, 1978	\$	237,737.66
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Received from Tax Collector:

1978 Property Taxes	\$ 1,902,739.01	
1977 Property Taxes	182,529.26	
1978 Resident Taxes	31,090.00	
1977 Resident Taxes	1,580.00	
1976 Resident Taxes	90.00	
1975 Resident Taxes	30.00	
Redemptions	73,113.19	
Bank Stock Tax	5.00	
Yield Tax	274.90	
Interest & Penalties	9,971.49	
Returned check fines	10.00	
		\$ 2,201,432.85

Received from Town Clerk:

Auto Registrations	\$ 142,384.00	
Dog Licenses	3,806.25	
Kennel Licenses	77.00	
Filing Fees	6.00	
Dog pick up fines	230.00	
Returned check fines	25.00	
Returned checks outstanding	(35.50)	
Police Exam Books	4.20	
		\$ 146,496.95

Received from Arlington Trust Co.

Temporary Loans	\$ 1,175,000.00	
Fed. Securities Part. Int.	1,190.97	
Cert. of Dep. Int.	30,694.28	
Savings Acct. Int.	12,495.24	
Revenue Sharing Sav. Acct. Int.	573.34	
Revenue Sharing C of D & F.S.P. Int.	4,123.64	
Int. received from Special Accts.	2,476.22	
		\$ 1,226,553.69

Received from Haverhill National Bank:

Temporary Loan	\$	25,000.00
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Received from United States Treasury:

Revenue Sharing	\$ 31,852.00	
Anti Recessional	1,487.00	
Soc. Sec. - Town Poor	565.60	
Economic Dev. Funds	30,000.00	
		\$ 63,904.60

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (CONT.)

Received from State of New Hampshire:

Highway Subsidy	\$	18,229.56	
Additional Highway Subsidy		6,339.32	
Business Profits Tax		153,724.28	
Interest & Dividends Tax		38,895.39	
Meals & Rooms Tax		48,721.90	
Savings Bank Tax		10,036.58	
A.S.A.P. - Police		1,610.00	
Gas Tax Reimbursements:			
Police		1,018.21	
Highway		223.95	
Fire		76.23	
Forest Fire Reimbursements		780.71	
Federal Grant #76IA2046 Ct. Off. Eq.		1,583.00	
Urban "D" Engineering Fees Refund		8.16	
			\$ 281,247.29

Received from District Court:

Court Receipts & Small Claims			\$ 16,288.33
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Received from Cemetery Trustees:

Cemetery Lots & Perpetual Care	\$	1,800.00	
Interest on Trust Funds		58.13	\$ 1,858.13

Received from Police Department:

Insurance Reports	\$	1,311.56	
Parking Tickets		584.00	
Pistol Permits		164.00	
Auction		133.00	
Tel. Reimbursements		2.15	
Returned check fines		5.00	
Sale of Cruiser		715.00	
Returned check		2.00	
			\$ 2,916.71

Received from Other Sources:

Building Inspector	\$	10,186.96	
Junk Yard Licenses		75.00	
Planning Board - Engineering Fees		345.00	
Sub-Division		100.00	
Recording Fees		209.60	
Hearing Fees		310.00	
Board of Adjustments - Hearing Fees		480.00	
Books- Zoning, Sub. & Code		162.50	
Septic Systems		845.00	
Pent. 5¢ Savings - Whittaker Fund		8.90	
Copy Machine		86.10	
Sale of checklists		30.00	
Rent- Town Hall		55.00	
Sale of maps		91.50	
Permits & Licenses:			
Theatre		25.00	
Beano		675.00	
Flea Market		50.00	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (CONT.)

Received from Other Sources (cont):

Permits & Licenses:

Monte Carlo	\$	50.00	
Pool Table		10.00	
225th Anniversary Books		47.05	
Land Purchase - Wm. Conte		<u>93.01</u>	\$ 13,935.62

Reimbursements:

CETA - Rockingham/Strafford	\$	36,724.12	
Plaistow Public Library:			
W. T. & S. S.		1,323.15	
Fire Alarm Rental		84.00	
Insurance on Bldg.		373.25	
Janitorial Service		156.00	
Workmen's Comp.		13.25	
Joseph S. Hills Ins. Co., Inc.			
Police Cruiser		2,536.08	
Highway Truck		569.50	
Insurance Prem. Credit		146.00	
Water Tower Maintenance		1,527.10	
Town of Plaistow payroll Acct.:			
Scanners - Fire Dept.		293.15	
SPEDY overpayment		33.82	
W.T., N.H.R. & S.S. overpayment		716.68	
Old Home Day		21.00	
Rock. County Treas. - Town Poor		71.50	
Taxes & Int. to Clear Title - Berco, Inc.		490.85	
Miscellaneous		<u>170.78</u>	\$ 45,250.23

Total Receipts	\$	4,262,622.06
Less Selectmen's Orders	\$	<u>3,317,557.31</u>

Balance	\$	945,064.75
2 checks removed twice		17.00
Addition error - Auditors		<u>.50</u>

Balance on Hand - December 31, 1978	\$	945,082.25
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Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie L. Bayek  
TREASURER



REPORT OF THE TREASURER (CONT.)

Special Capital Reserve Accounts:

Highway Equipment Account	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	234.64
Deposit	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	\$10,234.64
Fire Department Equipment Account	\$13,926.98
Interest	682.23
Deposit	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	\$24,592.61
Planning Board Recreation Account	\$12,794.32
Interest	<u>596.47</u>
Total	\$13,390.79

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie L. Bayek  
TREASURER

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The total valuation of the Town amounted to \$52,168,925.00. The town closed the year with an unexpended balance of \$167,561.13.

There were 504 Veteran's Exemptions and 7 total disabled exemptions for a total of \$29,052.67. 110 Elderly Exemptions and 2 Blind Exemptions were granted for a total valuation of \$1,400,700.00.

Town elections will be held at Pollard School on March 13th. The Town Meeting will be held at Timberlane Regional High School on March 14th at 7:30 P.M.

As usual this was another busy year for your Selectmen. Some of the major activities are shown below.

The extension to the Municipal Water Line is virtually complete.

The Town Hall renovation project has been completed allowing for office space for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Clerk of Courts which makes it more convenient for all concerned.

The Comprehensive Employment and Training Administration Planning Board Project and the Comprehensive Employment and Training Administration Town Records Management Project have been combined and extended until May 1979. The Town Master Plan was completed and many old Town Records were inventoried and some retained and some disposed of in accordance with RSA regulations.

The Summer Program for Economic Disadvantaged Youths Grant involves the employment of 15 youths assigned as follows: 7 - Highway Dept., 2 - Pollard School and 6 for the Recreation Program.

Revenue Sharing Funds that were on hand and received during 1978, plus interest amounted to \$92,214.40 of which \$90,000.00 was approved by the Town for the purchase of the Lagasse Building.

The State Municipal Accounts Division completed an audit of the Town accounts during May 1978, the first comprehensive audit in the history of the town. The report of the audit was not received until December 22, 1978. Although disclosing many defects in the management of the financial affairs we are active in remedying the defects which have been unnoticed for years. It has been apparently the practice of expending funds that were accumulated from such items as receipts for building permits, gas tax refunds, insurance reports, parking fines, hearing fees, auto registration and interest on the bank accounts and so forth which were not previously added as an appropriation into various department budgets. The audit report for 1976 and 1977 illuminated this practice which resulted in an overexpenditure of the budget. This practice has now been stopped. As of now all departments are complying with the direction of the Selectmen. During the past year overall we stayed within the total budget limitation.

Land on Sweet Hill is being sought as approved at the 1978 Town Meeting, for the eventual erection of a water reservoir for portable water.

A parking lot at the Library was constructed and one side of the roof was reshingled.

A feasibility study by professional engineers concerning the development of Kelley Brook as a Water Supply for the Town has been completed.

Automatic Fire Alarm and Safety systems have been installed in all Town Buildings.

Harriman Road and Glendale Circle highway projects have been completed. Kimball Avenue was resurfaced and necessary repairs made to Greenough Road.

The purchase of the Lagasse Building has been accomplished. Plans are being made for the use of the recently acquired Lagasse building and its development as a modern safety complex.

This year it was necessary to use the Town Counsel more than in the past in order to represent the Town in legal matters arising from violation of Town Ordinances, numerous petitions received from townspeople, suits against the Town and a hearing for a police employee.

There still remain drainage problems in which the Town is involved which will not be resolved until extensive drainage projects can be planned and completed.

Our thanks and gratitude are extended to each of these dedicated committee members who have devoted so much of their own time and talent to working and charting the best courses for our Town.

We acknowledge and appreciate the important contributions to the Town made by the following persons who have completed their tenure in various town boards, committees, commissions and appointed offices. Gladys A. B. Tozier, Supervisor of the Checklist; Norman L. Major, Selectman; Ruth E. Jenne, Treasurer; Samuel D. Conti, Library Trustee and Long & Short Committee; T. Richard Latham, Fire Chief; Craig Morse, Cemetery Trustee; John Merrill and John A. Palmer, Budget Committee; James F. Fleming, Attorney; Joseph MacFarlane and Edward LaFave, Conservation Commission; Rosemarie L. Bayek, Dorothy Ketchum and Nickolas Sarbanis, Recreation Commission; Thomas McTeague, Police Dept.; Joan Keezer and Albin Noyes, Industrial Commission; Susan Allison, Librarian; J. Alden Palmer, Eleanor P. Sargent and Bernard J. Dube, Planning Board; and Arnold Ziemian, Long & Short Range Committee.

We appreciate the support given us by the townspeople in the past and we wish to solicit your support in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy S. Dube, Chairman  
Milton H. Todd  
Samuel D. Conti



## SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	15,800.84	
Town Officers' Expenses		55,171.95	
Elections & Registrations		1,571.12	
District Court		19,116.37	
Town Hall Expenses		18,847.64	\$ 110,507.92

### Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	\$	114,089.62	
Fire Department		41,480.92	
Care of Trees		1,445.80	
Planning & Zoning		2,623.91	
Damages by Dogs		3,104.91	
Damages & Legal Expenses		10,785.97	
Civil Defense		987.89	\$ 174,519.02

### Health:

Health Department	\$	615.09	
Ambulance		11,000.00	
Vital Statistics		65.00	
Town Dump Maintenance		29,989.49	\$ 41,669.58

### Highways & Bridges:

Highway Department	\$	131,437.24	
Street Lighting		23,885.55	
Town Road Aid		581.80	\$ 155,904.59

### Libraries:

\$ 25,411.76

### Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$	3,700.81	
Town Poor		5,858.79	\$ 9,559.60

### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day			\$ 344.09
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### Recreation Commission:

\$ 4,265.97

### Parks & Playgrounds:

\$ 296.52

### Public Services:

Water Service Maintenance	\$	13,516.60	
Cemeteries		2,718.23	
Regional Planning		4,284.30	\$ 20,519.13

### Payment to other Governmental Divisions:

Timberlane Regional School	\$	1,813,053.78	
2% Bond & Debt Tax		46.61	
Rockingham County Assessment		79,346.00	\$ 1,892,446.39

### Payment on Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans	\$	1,200,000.00	
Long Term Notes		33,000.00	\$ 1,233,000.00

Interest:

On Temporary Loans	\$	32,941.40	
On Long Term Notes		<u>7,615.50</u>	\$ 40,556.90

Unclassified:

Discounts & Abatements	\$	1,994.83	
Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>91,306.98</u>	\$ 93,301.81

Special Appropriations:

Library Roof	\$	1,362.20	
Library Renovations		429.81	
Town Clerk & Tax Coll. Furniture		1,361.41	
Highway Garage		217.32	
Vic Geary Drop In Center		5,000.00	
Lagasse Building Purchase		5,000.00	
Fire Truck Account		32,569.00	
Summer Recreation Program		5,585.86	
Salem Mental Health		3,000.00	
Well & Pump - Recreation		338.03	
District Court Furniture		2,592.95	
Old Home Day		280.00	
Fire House Doors		2,361.00	
Harriman Road Improvement		3,800.00	
Halloween Parties		700.00	
Police Furniture		1,403.00	
Glendale Circle Improvements		1,810.00	
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund		10,000.00	
Adm. Assistant Cont. Salary		5,200.00	
Highway Equipment Reserve Fund		5,000.00	
Town Audit		10,278.00	
Treasurers' Increase		125.00	
EDA Water Line		30,524.35	
CETA Employees		44,628.62	
Anti-Recessionary		242.00	
Town Flag & Banner		300.00	
Hydraulic Sander - High.		3,700.00	
Alarm System - Fire House, etc.		1,979.00	
Sweet Hill Land Purchase		5,721.00	
Library Hot Top		1,600.00	
Sump Pump - Highway		906.00	
Conservation Commission		150.00	
Town Hall Fire Alarm		3,755.00	
1 Ton Dump Truck - High.		9,179.64	
Kelley Brook Water Testing		2,940.00	
Historical Soc. - Cabinet		449.00	
Fayroll corrections		<u>1,114.82</u>	\$ 205,603.06

TOTAL

\$ 4,007,906.34
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# SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978		\$	583,458.62
<u>From Local Taxes:</u>			
1978 Property Taxes	\$ 1,902,739.01		
1977 Property Taxes	473,663.09		
1978 Resident Taxes	31,090.00		
1977 Resident Taxes	2,730.00		
1976 Resident Taxes	120.00		
1975 Resident Taxes	30.00		
Interest & Penalties	10,452.85		
Bank Stock Tax	5.00		
Redemptions	78,910.17		
Yield Tax	274.90		
Returned check fines	10.00	\$	2,500,025.02
<u>From Town Clerk:</u>			
Auto Registrations	\$ 157,542.00		
Dog & Kennel Licenses	3,900.20		
Filing Fees	23.00		
Dog pick-up fines	230.00		
Return check fines	25.00		
Return checks outstanding	(35.50)		
Police Exam Books	4.20	\$	161,688.90
<u>From State:</u>			
Highway Subsidy	\$ 23,334.56		
Additional Highway Subsidy	8,603.93		
Business Profits Tax & Int.	153,724.28		
Interest & Dividends Tax	38,895.39		
Meals & Rooms Tax	48,721.90		
Savings Bank Tax	10,036.58		
A.S.A.P. - Police	2,170.00		
Gas Tax Refunds:			
Police, Highway, Fire	1,824.06		
Federal Grant - Court Furniture	1,583.00		
Urban "D" Engineering Fees refund	8.16		
Forest Fire Reimbursements	780.71	\$	289,682.57
<u>From Federal:</u>			
U. S. Treasury - Revenue Sharing	\$ 42,469.00		
Economic Dev. Adm., Anti-Recessional			
Social Sec. - Town Poor	32,294.60	\$	74,763.60
<u>From Arlington Trust Co:</u>			
Temporary Loans	\$ 1,175,000.00		
Interest on Cert. of Deposits,			
Savings Acc., F.S.P. and etc.	52,825.86	\$	1,227,825.86
<u>From Haverhill National Bank:</u>			
Temporary Loan		\$	25,000.00



From Local Sources & Reimbursements:

Planning Board - Sub. & Engineering	\$	777.00	
Planning Board - books & reg.		236.00	
Planning Board - Hearing Fees		330.00	
Planning Board - Recording Fees		236.60	
Building Fees & Septic Systems		11,665.58	
Land purchase - Wm. Conti		93.01	
Board of Adjustment - Hearing Fees		630.00	
Town Hall - Rent		70.00	
Cemetery Lots & Care		1,800.00	
Interest on Trust Funds		58.12	
Licenses & Permits		910.00	
Court Receipts & Small Claims		17,013.73	
Miscellaneous		534.73	
			\$ 34,349.78

Reimbursements:

Rockingham/Strafford Manpower	\$	43,673.67	
Public Library - W.T. & S.S., W. Comp., Ins., fire alarm, janitorial		2,061.56	
Insurance - vehicles		3,893.08	
Process Engineering - W.T. Maint.		763.55	
Westville Homes - W.T. Maint.		763.55	
Clear tax title		490.85	
Old Home Day		21.00	
Police Dept., - cruiser sale, parking tickets, ins. claims, pistol permits, auction, etc.		3,227.61	
Rock. County Tr. - Town Poor		71.50	
Miscellaneous		1,227.87	
			\$ 56,194.24

Total Receipts \$ 4,952,988.59

Less Disbursements \$ 4,007,906.34

Balance on Hand \$ 945,064.75

2 checks removed twice 17.00

Additional error - Auditor .50

Balance on Hand - December 31, 1978 \$ 945,082.25  
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TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 16,331.70

Summary of Expenditures:

LeRoy S. Dube	Selectman	\$ 1,000.00	
Milton H. Todd	Selectman	1,000.00	
Samuel D. Conti	Selectman	750.00	
Norman L. Major	Selectman	250.00	
Helen A. Hart	Town Clerk	7,103.75	
Stanley T. Herrick	Tax Collector	4,000.00	
Rosemarie L. Bayek	Treasurer	625.00	
Ruth E. Jenne	Treasurer	250.00	
Social Security		<u>822.09</u>	<u>\$ 15,800.84</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 530.86  
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TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 53,320.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Ruth E. Jenne, Clerk	\$ 8,596.19
Brenda E. Major, Bookkeeper	6,674.76
Ruth E. Palmer, Sec., Bd. of Adj.	250.00
Theresa Bourque, Census Taker	550.00
Guy L. Sawyer, Building Inspector	9,845.81
Robert Casazza, Adm. Assistant	5,949.27
Ron Hasseltine, CETA Supervisor	180.00
Town Report - Printing & Delivery	1,365.12
Advertising, hearing fees, etc.	532.62
Office Supplies	2,472.61
Postage	2,351.49
Telephone	2,448.77
Assoc. dues & Conv. Expenses	2,041.21
Insurance & Officers Bonds	3,742.34
Workmen's Comp.	761.09
Social Security	2,236.51
Recording tax exempt.	190.10
Dog Tags & books & fees	451.19
Tax Bills	1,543.13
Re-Appraisal of Property	2,006.50
Equipment	333.88
OASI Fund	50.60
Miscellaneous	<u>598.76</u>
	\$55,171.95

Less Reimb. (hearing fees, bldg. fees, copy machine, coffee, etc.)	<u>\$12,942.53</u>	<u>\$42,229.42</u>
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Unexpended Balance \$11,090.58  
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ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

1978 Appropriations . . . . . \$ 2,621.78

Summary of Expenditures:

Supervisors:		
Gladys Tozier	\$25.00	
George Bourque	95.00	
Marlene Todd	95.00	
Kay Fitzpatrick	<u>70.00</u>	\$ 285.00
Clifton E. Cook, Moderator		125.00
Ballot Inspectors		334.00
Clerks		199.00
Ballots, Checklists, etc.		358.50
Janitorial Service		60.00
Election Meals		135.70
Police Work		70.00
Social Security		<u>3.92</u>
		\$ 1,571.12
Less Reimb. (checklists)		<u>33.00</u>
		\$ 1,538.12
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,083.66
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DISTRICT COURT

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 19,350.00
Receipts from District Court (net) . . . . .	<u>17,013.73</u>
Total	\$ 36,363.73

Summary of Expenditures:

Edith F. Signor, Clerk	\$ 6,650.20	
Daniel H. Andernacht, Justice	9,800.00	
Roy Daubenspeck, Asst. Justice	1,400.00	
Kendall Chase, Special Justice	550.00	
Richard Russman, Special Justice	50.00	
Ashod N. Amirian, Special Justice	150.00	
Stancik & Goodchild, Special Justice	100.00	
Supplies	22.50	
Workmen's Comp.	8.91	
Social Security	<u>384.76</u>	\$ 19,116.37
Unexpended Balance		\$ 17,247.36
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TOWN HALL EXPENSES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 17,550.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Custodial Service	\$ 3,842.00
Heat	1,531.96
Electricity & Electric Heat	2,538.88
Alarm Rental	95.00
Insurance - Building & Contents	1,840.20
Water Pump	350.00
Supplies	1,804.87
Repairs	405.65
Water	440.85
Town Hall Project	5,363.83
Telephone (pay)	105.34
Workmens Comp.	146.00
Social Security	79.98
Miscellaneous	303.08
	<u>\$ 18,847.64</u>

Less Reimbursements (Town Hall rent)	<u>70.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,777.64</u>
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Overexpended		<u>\$ 1,227.64</u> =====
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PLANNING AND ZONING

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 5,940.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Schooling	\$ 150.00
Court Fees	194.12
Telephone	203.04
Plans recorded	24.00
Engineering	345.00
Advertising	350.97
Equipment	283.00
Postage	425.35
Mileage	235.84
	<u>\$ 2,623.91</u>

Less Reimbursements (maps, books, engineering fees, recording fees, subdivision, etc.)	<u>1,675.35</u>	<u>\$ 948.56</u>
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Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 4,991.44</u> =====
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 110,940.07

Summary of Expenditures:

Alexander Brown, Jr., Chief	\$ 14,859.50
Robert L. Tanguay, Full Time	10,995.62
Joseph Coakley, Full Time	7,019.15
Kenneth Heim, Full Time	10,997.65
Bernard J. Dube, Full Time	950.00
Bryan Richards, Full Time	760.00
Joan M. Pichowicz, Clerk	4,292.61
Part time patrolmen and overtime	21,775.82
Mileage	36.79
State Retire. & Hosp. (chief & patrol)	3,694.59
Uniforms	1,864.75
Cruiser Equip. & Repairs	7,886.51
Crusier Gas and Oil	6,274.73
Crusier	5,424.67
Radio & Radar Maintenance	557.13
Cruiser Insurance	1,470.00
Maintenance of Equip. & Supplies	1,192.36
Office Supplies	2,366.89
Telephone	3,008.78
Insurance	3,668.11
Training	18.75
Workmens Comp.	3,526.00
Social Security	1,380.42
Miscellaneous	68.79

\$114,090.62

Less Reimbursements (Sale of cruiser, insurance claims, parking tickets, ASAP, schooling, gas refund, ect.	9,314.59	\$ 104,776.03
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 6,164.04
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DAMAGES BY DOGS

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 3,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Donald Sargent, Dog Officer	\$ 2,900.00
Supplies	29.50
Social Security	175.41
	\$ 3,104.91

Overexpended	\$ 104.91
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 40,809.45

Summary of Expenditures:

Payroll - Regular	\$ 14,736.50	
Payroll - Forest Fires	1,902.23	
Telephone	1,631.56	
Heat	1,418.09	
Electricity	555.21	
Building Maintenance	1,201.10	
Alarm System	750.12	
Telephone Answering Service	999.96	
Firefighting Equipment	2,306.52	
Personal Equipment	272.31	
Radios	2,481.09	
Hose	641.00	
Insurance	2,990.40	
Supplies	269.38	
Training	470.00	
Fire Prevention & Inspection	639.55	
Hand Tub (rental)	25.00	
Truck Maintenance (Fuel & Repairs)	4,769.82	
Water Hole Improvements	933.52	
Forest Fire Account	216.54	
Workmen's Comp.	762.00	
Social Security	924.32	
Miscellaneous	584.70	
	<u>\$ 41,480.92</u>	
Less Reimbursements (Forest Fire, radios, gas tax, etc.)	<u>1,150.09</u>	<u>\$ 40,330.83</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 478.62  
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CARE OF TREES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 1,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Randolph Pickersgill, Tree Warden	\$ 369.00	
Tamarack Tree Service	325.00	
Gray & Cole Nurseries	392.80	
Spraying, labor, equipment, etc.	<u>359.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,445.80</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 54.20</u> =====

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 4,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

James F. Fleming, Esquire	\$ 1,916.50	
Boynton, Waldron, Dill & Aeschleman	7,210.87	
Sumner Kalman, Esq. (Police Atty.)	657.50	
Transcripts	<u>1,001.10</u>	<u>\$10,785.97</u>

Overexpended \$ 6,785.97  
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CIVIL DEFENSE

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 1,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Insurance	\$ 297.00	
Supplies	578.55	
Rescue truck repairs	<u>112.34</u>	<u>\$ 987.89</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 12.11  
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 600.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Bernard J. Dube, Health Inspector	\$ 580.00	
Social Security	<u>35.09</u>	
	615.09	

Less Reimbursements (Septic System fees) 845.00 \$ (229.91)

Unexpended Balance \$ 829.91  
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AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$11,100.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Shanahan Ambulance Service	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance \$ 100.00  
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# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 142,532.93
Emergency Approp. . . . .	13,265.50
Total	\$ 155,798.43

## Summary of Expenditures:

Robert W. Bennett, Supervisor	\$ 12,647.20	
Roland M. Senter, Asst. Sup.	11,482.88	
John R. Colcord, Worker	5,635.12	
Overtime	3,065.35	
Extra Labor	1,800.50	
Truck & Equip. Const. Plowing	20,001.88	
Vehicle Repairs	2,619.57	
Vehicles - Gas, Oil & Grease	4,992.53	
Equipment - Fuel Oil	820.03	
Truck & Equipment Rental	25,600.82	
Equipment Repairs	5,525.83	
Cold Patch	3,421.49	
Salt	8,810.50	
Sand & Screening	3,500.00	
Washed Stones	202.91	
Culverts & Catch Basins	3,148.73	
Engineering	260.25	
Social Security	2,339.55	
Health Insurance	1,427.04	
Workmen's Comp.	1,180.00	
Garage Insurance	189.40	
Equipment Insurance	2,635.50	
Heat	1,122.85	
Telephone	452.31	
Electricity	617.67	
Supplies	2,362.14	
Alarm System	140.00	
Safety Signs	208.60	
Construction Signs	92.34	
Street Signs	41.79	
Welding supplies	563.40	
Equipment Supplies	575.54	
Radio Equipment & Repairs	83.90	
Advertising	78.59	
Equipment	10,117.47	
Highway Subsidy Additional	11,971.68	
Contracted Projects	4,126.00	
Exterminator	240.00	
Equipment Maint. (Dump)	1,734.61	
Boy Scouts (clean dump road)	100.00	
Dump wages	3,922.45	
Dozer Rental	350.00	
Roads Oiled	1,218.31	
	\$161,426.73	
Less Reimbursements (gas tax, truck damages, etc.)	1,540.43	\$ 159,886.30
Overexpended		\$ 4,087.87

VITAL STATISTICS

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 100.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Helen A. Hart, Town Clerk \$ 65.00

Unexpended Balance \$ 35.00  
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LIBRARY

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 24,100.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Plaistow Public Library \$ 24,100.00  
Social Security 1,311.76  
\$ 25,411.76

Less Reimbursements (Soc. Sec.) 1,311.76 \$ 24,100.00

Unexpended Balance \$ -0-  
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TOWN ROAD AID

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 581.80

Summary of Expenditures:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire \$ 581.80

Unexpended Balance \$ -0-  
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STREET LIGHTING

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 23,625.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co. \$ 23,885.55

Overexpended \$ 260.55  
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 9,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire \$ 3,700.81

Unexpended Balance \$ 5,299.19  
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TOWN POOR

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 16,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Sharon Nursing Home	\$ 1,743.99
Room & Board (Teenagers)	1,614.42
Custeau's Super Market	383.00
DeMoulas Market	280.00
PGA Foodliner	95.00
Exeter & Hampton Electric	261.01
Cash Oil Sales	116.25
Difeo Oil	92.94
Senter Bros.	200.00
Town of Windham	554.24
Rockingham Child & Family Service	81.00
Visiting Nurses Assn.	82.12
Food Stamps	94.50
Stewart Septic System	80.00
Medicine	103.32
Miscellaneous	77.00

\$ 5,858.79

Less Reimbursements (child care)

675.54

\$ 5,183.25

Unexpended Balance

\$ 10,816.75  
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RECREATION COMMISSION

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 5,094.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Boys & Girls Softball	\$ 27.00
Junior Football	655.54
Junior Baseball	1,742.80
Basketball	238.00
Band Concerts	1,030.00
Summer Equipment	61.08
Supplies	97.70
Insurance	295.85
Workmen's Comp.	118.00

\$ 4,265.97

Unexpended Balance

\$ 828.03  
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MEMORIAL DAY

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Carl G. Davis, Post #34 (American Legion)

\$ 344.09

Unexpended Balance

\$ 155.91  
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PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 1,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Custodian	\$ 127.00	
Social Security	2.90	
Supplies	<u>166.62</u>	\$ 296.52

Unexpended Balance \$ 703.48  
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WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 13,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Northern Utilities	\$ 3,163.69
Process Engineering (W. T. Maint)	2,646.00
Process Engineering (pump)	2,562.00
Gordon F. Merrick Co. (oil)	29.42
Insurance	109.20
Water Line break	4,161.53
Equipment	<u>844.76</u>
	\$ 13,516.60

Less Reimbursements (Process Eng. & Westville Homes)	<u>1,527.10</u>	\$ 11,989.50
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Unexpended Balance \$ 1,010.50  
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CEMETERIES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 4,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Herbert K. Reed, Sexton	\$ 796.24
Laborers	702.55
Supplies	266.61
Perpetual Care	300.00
Insurance	514.00
P. O. Box rental	7.50
Workmen's Comp.	41.00
Social Security	<u>90.33</u>
	\$ 2,718.23

Less Reimbursements (cem. care)	<u>2,108.13</u>	\$ 610.10
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Unexpended Balance \$ 3,389.90  
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 300.00

Summary of Expenditures:

N. H. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions \$ 150.00

Unexpended Balance \$ 150.00  
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SOUTHERN ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 3,401.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District \$ 4,284.30

Overexpended \$ 883.30  
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INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 20,000.00

Interest Paid on Temporary Loans \$ 32,941.40

Overexpended \$ 12,941.40  
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INTEREST ON LONG-TERM NOTES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 7,857.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Arlington Trust Co.	\$ 1,282.50	
Haverhill National Bank	<u>6,333.00</u>	\$ <u>7,615.50</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 241.50  
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LONG TERM NOTES

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 33,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Haverhill National Bank - Water Line	\$ 6,000.00	
Indian Head National Bank - Highway	15,000.00	
Indian Head National Bank - Water Line	5,000.00	
Arlington Trust Co. - Library	<u>7,000.00</u>	\$ <u>33,000.00</u>

Unexpended Balance -0-  
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FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT FUND

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 10,000.00
Interest	682.23
Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	13,926.98
Total	<u>\$ 24,592.61</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

No Expenditures	<u>                    </u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 24,592.61</u> =====

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	234.64
Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	5,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 10,234.64</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

No Expenditures	<u>                    </u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 10,234.64</u> =====

PLANNING BOARD RECREATION ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 12,794.32
Interest	596.47
Total	<u>\$ 13,390.79</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

No Expenditures	<u>                    </u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 13,390.79</u> =====

ANTI-RECESSIONAL ACCOUNT

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 242.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Robert W. Bennett	\$ 36.00	
Roland M. Senter	126.50	
John R. Colcord	<u>79.50</u>	<u>\$ 242.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>-0-</u> =====

GREATER SALEM MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 3,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Mental Health Center	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u>

GLENDAL CIRCLE IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 1,810.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
N. H. Bituminous Company	<u>\$ 1,810.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u>

LIBRARY ROOF REPAIRS

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 1,300.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Letoile Roofing Company	<u>\$ 1,362.20</u>
Overexpended	<u>\$ 62.20</u>

CONTINUED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 5,200.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Robert G. Casazza	\$ 5,179.33
Insurance	<u>20.67</u>
	<u>\$ 5,200.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u>

TREASURERS' INCREASE

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 125.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Rosemarie L. Bayek, Town Treasurer	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u>

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS - GIFT AND NOTE ACCOUNTS

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978		\$ 1,476.90
Summary of Expenditures:		
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	\$ 103.75	
M. J. Bresnahan - sign	157.20	
Miscellaneous	168.86	
Returned to General Fund	<u>1,047.09</u>	<u>\$ 1,476.90</u>
Unexpended Balance		-0- =====

FIRE TRUCK ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978		\$ 34,376.09
Summary of Expenditures:		
Howe Fire Apparatus Company	\$ 32,569.00	
Returned to General Fund	<u>1,807.09</u>	<u>\$ 34,376.09</u>
Unexpended Balance		-0- =====

TOWN AUDIT ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978		\$ 3,000.00
Emergency Appropriation		<u>7,222.88</u>
Total		<u>\$ 10,222.88</u>
Summary of Expenditures:		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		<u>\$ 10,278.00</u>
Overexpended		<u>\$ 55.12</u> =====

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR EQUIPMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . .		\$ 1,400.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
National Center for State Courts	\$ 217.95	
Value House	272.85	
Lechmere Sales	193.76	
D. J. Casey Paper	<u>676.85</u>	<u>\$ 1,361.41</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 38.59
(to be returned to General Fund)		=====



LAGASSE BUILDING PURCHASE

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 10,000.00
From Revenue Sharing Account	\$ 90,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Marie Lagasse	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 95,000.00
(to be paid on 1/17/79)	<u>=====</u>

DISTRICT COURT FURNITURE

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 1,583.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Olympia USA	\$ 165.19	
International Bus. Machine	774.00	
Office Dimensions	<u>1,653.76</u>	
	<u>\$2,592.95</u>	
Less Reimbursements (from State)	<u>1,583.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,009.95</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 573.05
(to be returned to General Fund)		<u>=====</u>

HIGHWAY GARAGE

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 217.32
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Summary of Expenditures:

Cash Oil Sales	<u>\$ 217.32</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u>
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FIRE HOUSE DOORS

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 2,500.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Ysleta Lock & Key Shop	\$ 25.00	
John O. McSheehy, Cont.	1,000.00	
Demers Plate Glass Co.	1,296.00	
Bradley Smith - painting	<u>40.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,361.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 139.00
(to be returned to General Fund)		<u>=====</u>

POLICE FURNITURE

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 1,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

D. J. Casey Paper Co.	\$ 1,168.00	
Surplus Office Supply	<u>235.00</u>	\$ <u>1,403.00</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$ 97.00
(to be returned to General Fund)	=====

STORAGE CABINET - 225TH ANN. FLAG & BANNER

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 300.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Textile Conservation Center	\$ <u>300.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance	-0-
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VIC GEARY DROP-IN CENTER

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 5,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Vic Geary Drop-In Center	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance	-0-
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SUMMER RECREATION ACCOUNT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 5,270.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Nickolas Sarbanis	\$ 1,350.00
Mary E. Carroll	880.00
Gary Tepe	880.00
Social Security	188.16
Supplies & Trips	<u>2,287.70</u>
	\$ <u>5,585.86</u>

Less Reimbursements (from CETA)	<u>1,687.71</u>	\$ <u>3,898.15</u>
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 1,371.85
(to be returned to General Fund)	=====

HARRIMAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978		\$ 3,800.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Goodwin Gallagher Assoc.	\$ 1,495.22	
Merrimack Paving	<u>2,304.78</u>	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>-0-</u>

SWEET HILL LAND PURCHASE

1978 Appropriation . . . . .		\$ 5,800.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	\$ 636.00	
N. H. Supply & Pollution	60.00	
Sophie Gritsko & Lillian Angelo (ESC)	5,000.00	
Arnold & Assoc.	<u>25.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,721.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 79.00</u>

HOT TOP PARKING AREA AT LIBRARY

1978 Appropriation . . . . .		\$ 2,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Merrimack Paving Corp.		<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 400.00</u>
(to be returned to General Fund)		<u>=====</u>

WATER SUMP PUMP - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . .		\$ 1,000.00
Summary of Expenditures;		
Northeast Engine & Generator Co.		<u>\$ 906.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 94.00</u>
(to be returned to General Fund)		<u>=====</u>

WELL AND PUMP - RECREATION PARK

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Aetna Pump, Inc.	\$ 245.58	
McKinney Artesian Well	72.50	
Victory Tool & Die Co.	<u>20.00</u>	\$ <u>338.08</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 161.92  
(to be returned to General Fund) =====

HYDRAULIC SANDER - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 3,700.00

Summary of Expenditures:

R. C. Hazelton, Inc.	\$ <u>3,700.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance -0-  
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OLD HOME DAY

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Handy House, Inc. - portable toilets	\$ 100.00	
Sheldon Trophies - ribbons	<u>180.00</u>	
	\$ <u>280.00</u>	
Less Reimbursements	<u>21.00</u>	\$ <u>259.00</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 241.00  
(to be returned to General Fund) =====

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - FIRE HOUSE, ETC.

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 2,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Alarm Electronics	\$ <u>1,979.00</u>
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Unexpended Balance \$ 521.00  
(to be returned to the General Fund) =====



CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTIES

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 700.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Pollard School P.O.P.S.	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	-0- =====

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - TOWN HALL

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 3,900.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Alarm Electronics	<u>\$ 3,755.00</u>
Unexpended Balance (to be returned to General Fund)	\$ 145.00 =====

ONE TON DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 10,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
McFarlane Ford Sales	\$ 8,920.00
Modern Signs	105.00
Fitzgerald-Hicks	23.00
Senter Auto Supply	<u>131.64</u>
	<u>\$ 9,179.64</u>
Unexpended Balance (to be returned to General Fund)	\$ 820.36 =====

WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM - KELLY BROOK

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 3,700.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Keyes Associates	<u>\$ 2,940.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 760.00 =====

HISTORIAL SOCIETY DISPLAY CABINETS

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Plaistow Historical Society \$ 449.00

Unexpended Balance \$ 51.00  
(to be returned to General Fund) =====

C.E.T.A. FUNDS

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$125,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Highway Department \$ 4,080.00  
Town Hall Project 6,804.76  
Planning & Zoning 14,146.17  
Police Clerk 6,110.00  
SPEDY (Summer Program) 10,094.06  
Insurance 889.49  
Social Security 2,504.14

\$ 44,628.62

Less Reimbursements (from CETA) 41,985.96 \$ 2,642.66

Unexpended Balance \$122,357.34  
(to be returned to General Fund) =====

PLANNING BOARD - ADM. ASSISTANT

1978 Appropriation . . . . . \$ 3,371.10

Summary of Expenditures:

To be returned to the General Fund \$ 3,371.10

Unexpended Balance -0-  
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GREENOUGH ROAD URBAN "D" ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978 \$ 3,150.00

Summary of Expenditures:

No Expenditures

Unexpended Balance \$ 3,150.00  
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MAIN STREET WATER LINE EXTENSION

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 5,469.03
Summary of Expenditures:	
No expenditures	
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 5,469.03</u> =====

GREATER LAWRENCE SOLID WASTE

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 115.99
Summary of Expenditures:	
To be Returned to General Fund	<u>\$ 115.99</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

MT. MISERY GRANT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 257.49
Summary of Expenditures:	
To be returned to General Fund	<u>\$ 257.49</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

MT. MISERY SURVEY

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 202.22
Summary of Expenditures:	
To be returned to General Fund	<u>\$ 202.22</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

TOWN HALL BRICK POINTING

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 2,444.94
Summary of Expenditures:	
To be returned to General Fund	<u>\$ 2,444.94</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

EDA WATER LINE ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978		\$ 134,681.90
Summary of Expenditures:		
Midway Excavators	\$ 28,716.70	
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	<u>1,807.65</u>	<u>\$ 30,524.35</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 104,157.55</u> =====

REVENUE SHARING

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1978	\$ 45,048.42
Entitlement Payment	\$ 42,469.00
Interest	<u>\$ 4,696.98</u>
Total	<u>\$ 92,214.40</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
No expenditures	<u>                    </u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 92,214.40</u> =====

COUNTY ASSESSMENT TAX

1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 79,346.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Rockingham County Treasurer	<u>\$ 79,346.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>-0-</u> =====

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance 1977-1978 Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 982,053.78
1978-1979 Appropriation . . . . .	<u>1,934,042.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,916,095.78</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
Timberlane Regional School District	<u>\$ 1,813,053.78</u>
Balance Due the District	<u>\$ 1,103,042.00</u> =====



EXPENDITURES NOT REQUIRING APPROPRIATIONS

Temporary Loans:

Arlington Trust Company	\$ 1,175,000.00	
Haverhill National Bank	<u>25,000.00</u>	\$ 1,200,000.00

Taxes Bought by the Town:

Stanley T. Herrick, Tax Collector	\$ 91,306.98
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Discounts, Refunds and Abatements:

Joseph R. Millette	\$ 35.94
Barry DeSpirito	50.00
Betty Jean Thompson	5.50
Walter Marston	7.00
Susan L. Glover	10.50
Pauline & Joseph A. Gogas	10.50
Dennis Mascio & Tom Mealey	339.36
Jane Ingalls	6.00
Marion P. Turner	75.08
Wilfred LeBlanc	10.00
Donald Robinson	5.00
C. James Marinaro	10.00
Kevin C. Kivley	7.50
Melvin Welsch	10.00
Keith Handyside	495.49
Errol K. Jennings	10.00
Louann Senter	4.50
Stewart V. McCormack, Jr.	42.50
Marion Broyles	380.08
Alma Herrick	160.00
Claire Rossetti	72.25
Edward S. Klements	197.63
William Sampson, Jr.	<u>50.00</u>

\$ 1,994.83
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# ABATEMENTS

## Abatements of the 1978 Property Warrant:

### Deeded:

B & M Corp.	\$	13.60	
Marie Lagasse		<u>1,334.50</u>	\$ 1,348.10

### Incorrect Billing:

Ray C. Johannesen	\$	497.25	
Edward & Geraldine Sargent		46.13	
Kenneth & Virginia Thurston		252.87	
Dennis & Dixie Roberts		325.13	
Kurt & Kathleen Train		265.63	
Gail Shinberg		65.87	
R & D Realty		56.75	
George Vavra		129.62	
Robert A. Wood		626.88	
Ronald Schmidt		53.13	
Albert C. Hoyt		85.00	
George W. Pynn		501.50	
Richard Manno		187.00	
Steven Tahan		<u>252.88</u>	\$ 2,848.89

### Duplicate Billing:

Nicholas Pichowicz	\$	18.06	
Anne Leavitt		10.63	
Rainbow Realty		<u>131.75</u>	\$ 160.44

### Veteran Disability:

John C. Smith	\$	496.13	
Don W. Riggs		<u>700.00</u>	\$ 1,196.13

### Veteran Exemptions:

Vernon O. Mitchell			\$ 50.00
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### Penalty Tax:

Edward Greenwich	\$	10.00	
Wesley & Pauline Whittemore		<u>10.00</u>	\$ 20.00

### Boat Tax:

Donald Goodhue			\$ 4.25
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### Hardship:

Jean Clements	\$	250.00	
Helen Sickel		200.00	
Ernest Comeau		553.57	
Richard Chouinard		<u>150.00</u>	\$ 1,153.57

\$ 6,781.38  
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Abatements on the 1977 Property Warrant:

Incorrect Billing:

Arthur & Helen Hunter	\$	54.88	
Edward J. & Geraldine Sargent		44.50	
Percy Oliver Realty, Inc.		128.70	
Norman Powers, Jr.		<u>75.07</u>	\$ 303.15

Deeded:

Marie Lagasse	\$ 1	347.06	
B & M Corp.		35.75	
Ruth Douglas		456.89	
Elmer Harris		1,189.81	
Owners Unknown		137.28	
Owners Unknown		259.55	
Owners Unknown		47.19	
Owners Unknown		94.38	
Owners Unknown		4.29	
R & D Realty		<u>59.35</u>	\$ 3,631.55

Hardship:

Joseph J. Hurley	\$	642.11
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Abatements on the 1976 Property Warrant:

Deeded:

B & M Corp.	\$	48.32	
R & D Realty		<u>55.15</u>	\$ 103.47

Hardship:

Joseph J. Hurley	\$	764.00
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Abatements on the 1975 Property Warrant:

Deeded:

B & M Corp.	\$	48.57	
R & D Realty		<u>55.48</u>	\$ 104.05

Abatements on the 1974 Property Warrant:

Deeded:

R & D Realty	\$	54.75
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Abatements on the 1973 Property Warrant:

Interest:

John M. Duston	\$	<u>14.85</u>
		\$ 5,617.93
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ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1978 LEVY

Non-Resident

Robert Baratt  
Linda Belenger  
Edouard E. Boucher  
Leona Boucher  
Lucille Boucher  
Diane Buco  
Kathleen Caputo  
Christopher Cate  
John Cordeiro  
Julia Cordeiro

John Delmonio  
Janice Donald  
Linda Donald  
Barbara Harold  
Patricia Laflin  
Gemma Noel  
Frank R. Nutt  
Donald Robinson, Jr.  
Cheryl Smith

Hardship

Thomas Law  
Hildegard Law

Mary York

Over-Age

Ralph E. Harris  
Harold B. Kidder  
Robert E. Mayo  
Sheila McPherson

Mildred C. Moran  
Mary Rizzo  
Izola M. Smith

Veterans Widow

Mary A. Dadekian  
Viola Miller

Anna E. Peaslee

Deceased

Martin Dadekian

Donald Uerkwitz

In the Service

Barry Billings  
Charles Mayo  
Donald Noel

Edward F. Sullivan  
Thomas Towler

Paid Elsewhere

Linda Carter  
Salvatore Ciotti  
David Herrick  
Marsha Herrick

Andrea Riley  
Judith Rouse  
Robert C. Rouse  
Peter Wheeler

Unknown

Marty E. Santos

Duplicate

Margaret Hanson

Margaret A. Rees



ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1977 LEVY

In the Service

Barry B. Billings

Brian J. Billings

Over-Age

Frances M. Minnich

Duplicate

James N. Soucy

Kristie Soucy

Paid Elsewhere

Glen Brown

Margaret Brown

Non-Resident

Michael Beckwith  
Linda Belenger  
Pamela Bordieri  
Diane C. Boulanger  
John M. Boulanger  
Betty A. Brigham  
Gregory A. Brooks  
Harold D. Clough  
Peter W. Conley  
John Consentino  
Elizabeth A. Corliss  
Robert V. Coveney  
George M. Dadaleares  
Susan W. Dadaleares  
Nathan C. Denno  
Donna M. Ducharme  
Mark E. Faxon  
Vikki L. French  
Wayne E. Glover  
Donald E. Hannigan, Jr.  
Karen L. Hatch  
Judy J. Hull  
Patricia A. Killey  
Daniel J. Krasa  
Ronda L. Krasa  
Jeanne M. LaCroix  
Jennifer LaRosa  
Judith F. Linnehan  
Douglas G. Lindquist  
Jane E. Lindquist  
Arthur P. Lusby  
Elaine D. Lusby  
Benjamin J. Maestas  
Linda Donald

Patricia Maestas  
Catherine D. Marquis  
Deborah L. Matson  
Harold G. Mau  
Brad McKenzie  
Henry L. Mears  
Cheryl L. Morse  
William R. Moulton  
Donald A. Noel  
Gemma P. Noel  
Peter Perri  
Dorothy E. Perry  
Betty A. Peterson  
William F. Peterson  
Susan C. Rogers  
Cheryl A. Salvi  
John H. Salvi  
Raymond D. Segeberg  
Shirley M. Segeberg  
Thomas Sheehan  
Mary Jane Silloway  
Kevin D. Spencer  
Richard A. St. Hilaire  
Deborah St. Jean  
Brenda J. Stevens  
Gary N. Stevens  
Phyllis M. Staw  
Philip M. Thackery  
John H. Tingley  
Robert J. Towler, Jr.  
Arthur White  
Joseph R. Wood  
Betty A. Woodsum  
Nancy J. Wrigley  
Janice Donald

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

This year was an exceptionally severe winter for my department. Remember the blizzard in February. All town equipment was pressed into action even the grader without a cab and many pieces of heavy construction equipment from local contractors. We worked continually without sleep to make sure we didn't lose any roads. Many roads were limited to one lane at times. We only lost one road for about one hour. The schools were closed for one day and traffic, if you could set your car out, was moving with little difficulty.

We installed drainage on Woodland Dr., Westville Rd., Davis Park, Forrest St., and two dry catch basins; one on Jesse George Rd. and one on Wentworth Ave.

We also cleaned many drainage easements and catch basins. There are also many drainage projects that I have submitted to Selectmen for approval. Almost all roads in town need the shoulders cut down and back. We are going to try to get these shoulders graded before we apply asphalt and sand in early spring. I'm working with the Selectmen to set up a program to seal, overlay, and reconstruct some town roads each year. The price of asphalt and tighter regulations (environmental) are making the prices continue to climb.

The department consists of a 1750 International Dump Truck with a Frink snow plow and front mounted wing, a Dodge pickup 3/4 ton four wheel drive with an eight foot Fisher snow plow, a one ton Ford Dump Truck with a nine foot Western plow, a 1942 Caterpillar road grader, two five to seven yard Severson Sanders, a one and a half yard Flink Sander and a 2500 International Loader and Backhoe combination.

I have at present two full time employees plus myself. I have also one Green Thumb worker which the town doesn't pay for. I use this worker for general maintenance and dispatcher. He also answers all phone messages that come in while I'm working on projects. We had three CETA workers at the beginning of last year, but they either found better jobs at higher wages or found they could not handle the job and quit. We do not have any CETA workers now. I have asked for more, but none are available. This summer we use fifteen youths to sweep roads and do other jobs which is helpful to this department.

Beginning January 1979 we are combining the Highway Department and the Sanitary Landfill to form a Department of Public Works.

We will again try to bring roads up to standards realizing town budgets and trying to stay within that budget. We will show prime concern to school bus routes and heavy traveled roads with deicing chemicals keeping in mind the roadside trees and vegetation and ground water. We will reduce salt consumption wherever possible.

If you are out driving in a snowstorm or just driving and you see us coming down the street or patching holes; working in shoulders or drainage projects please be careful and watch for men and equipment in the roadway. We have had many close calls. We're only there to help you so please be careful.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (CONT.)

I would like at this time to express to the Selectmen, my men and the townspeople, sincere appreciation for the cooperation and helpfulness shown this department this year. Things get a little rough at times but it all works out. The men of this department deserve special thanks at times they work with little sleep and adverse conditions with little complaining from them.

### REPORT OF THE SANITARY LANDFILL

The Sanitary Landfill is running with little problems. The biggest problem is the Landfill stickers. I have had many complaints they keep peeling off the windshield. We will try if possible to come up with a decent sticker this year. A sticker is still needed to use the landfill. One reminder make sure you know the landfill hours and stick to them. Please make sure refuse is put in the proper place, and not by the gate or along the roadside.

#### DUMP HOURS

Sunday	8:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Monday	8:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8:00 - 4:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 - 4:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Bennett  
HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR



REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Balance in Checking Account, December 31, 1977	\$ 2,416.33
Interest	4,237.83
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 6,654.16</u>

Expenditures:

Town of Plaistow Interest	\$ 58.13	
Town of Plaistow - care of lots	975.00	
Father Griffin - interest	691.69	
John Colby - interest	<u>410.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,135.57</u>

Balance in Checking & Interest Acc., Dec. 31, 1978	\$ 4,518.59
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Invested Funds

Savings Cert. #3112 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	\$ 7,000.00
Savings Cert. #6160 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	3,300.00
Savings Cert. #6251 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	9,078.59
Savings Cert. #6250 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	5,391.21
Savings Cert. #6252 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	24,480.70
Savings Cert. #6569 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	2,000.00
Savings Book Interest	<u>1,203.54</u>

Total Invested Funds as of December 31, 1978	\$ 52,544.04
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Report of Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 1978

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	New Funds Created
1-3-78	Forrest Reynolds	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$150.00
6-16-78	Gordon Sykes, Sr.	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
7-3-78	Percy & Julia Journeay (Moody)	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$250.00
7-3-78	Robert Greenwood	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
7-3-78	James Lynch	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
7-3-78	Richard & Marion Brown	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
7-3-78	George Nott	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
7-3-78	Mrs. Eileen Gates	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$100.00
TOTAL				<u>\$1,000.00</u> =====

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Foster, Clerk



REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1978	\$ 1,530.13	
Received from Town of Plaistow	24,100.00	
Fines Collected on Overdue Books	285.75	
Transferred from Fines Account	600.00	
Misc. & Rebursements for Lost, Damaged or Discarded Books	<u>106.15</u>	\$ 26,622.03

Expenditures:

Salaries - Librarian	\$ 2,561.80	
Asst. Lib. & Lib. Asst.	6,036.62	
Substitutes & Aids	2,241.90	
Social Security (FICA) Taxes	655.88	
New Books Purchased	3,863.48	
Periodical Subscriptions	573.11	
Encyclopedias & Reference Books	1,049.99	
Postage & P. O. Box	132.14	
Supplies	451.75	
Insurance, Workmens Comp. & Alarm Monitoring	608.10	
Dues to Library Organizations	18.00	
Telephone	304.73	
Education & Convention Expense	133.00	
Capital Equipment	2,002.92	
Maintenance - Electricity	1,403.52	
Heat	778.05	
Janitorial Service	156.00	
Public Activities	187.27	
Transferred to Fines Account	285.75	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>160.48</u>	\$ 23,604.49

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1978	\$ 3,017.54
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Special Funds on Deposit in Plaistow Co-operative Bank:

New Equipment	\$ 2,176.84
Fines Account	663.43
Virginia Robinson Fund	333.69
Encyclopedia & Reference Book Fund	370.54
Annie L. Dow Fund	325.77
Irving E. Peaslee Memorial Fund	312.98
Paul D. Palmer Memorial Fund	366.88
Roger B. Hill Mem. Fund (8 yr. Sav. Cert.)	10,075.84

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara N. Baratt, Chairman  
Delores Ackerman, Secretary  
David Dana, Treasurer

Nils Persson, Vice-Chairman  
Ruth C. Cook, Corresponding Secretary  
Robert H. Rochussen, Asst. Treasurer

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

Balance on Hand 1/1/78	\$ -0-
Received from fines: 1/1/78 to 12/31/78 (2,005 criminal cases processed)	42,624.50
Received from Penalty Assessments (Chapter 523, Laws of 1977)	4,114.50
Miscellaneous income re motor vehicles refunds, court cost, etc.	933.00
Bail Forfeitures	400.00
Received from Small Claims including payment of forms, second summons, executions, orders of notice and entry fees, after costs	1,081.54
Received from Civil cases including entry fees, judgments, executions, orders of notice and payment of forms	<u>774.25</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 49,927.79
Expenditures:	
Paid to the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety (Motor Vehicles) for fines	\$ 23,341.00
Police Standards & Training Council (Penalty Assessments)	4,114.50
Overpayment of fines & refunds	33.50
Expenses: telephone, postage, printing, supplies, witness fees, ass't clerk, bond, dues and miscellaneous (all paid from receipts after payment to State of New Hampshire)	5,425.06
Paid to the Town of Plaistow, N. H.	<u>17,013.73</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 49,927.79

Respectfully submitted,

Edith F. Signor, Clerk  
District court

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year has been a year of trials and tribulations department.

Most of the year, were short handed. Although, voters voted on a new officer in March, he did not actually assume duties until December. Coupled with the leave of absence of another officer and the loss of part-time men because of job obligations, age and moving, supplying men for all areas of duty became a difficult task.

The move into larger quarters early in the year has helped in department efficiency. Personnel now have more room in which to perform duties.

The appointment of two sergeants in late August has been successful and they have been working hard to train the six new part-time officers.

The Police Association has participated again in money raising events for the Timberlane Scholarship Fund, sponsored a basketball team and made charitable contributions.

The area around Rte. 125 is now demanding more and more of your departments attention. With the construction of the DeMoulas Market and other new businesses, I expect this to increase.

The construction of two new firms in the Kingston Road area will undoubtedly bring with them additional traffic problems in the village.

We were fortunate to have the services of a CETA girl full-time since last February, two other girls during the summer and a girl in early winter. Much of the backlog of paper work and filing was finished. It is almost an impossibility for one clerk to do the clerical duties, answer the phone, do the radio dispatching and serve those who come into the office. Therefore, I am going to ask, by special article, that voters allow the position of second clerk to continue on when CETA funding expires in March.

I will start my seventh year as Chief in March and hopefully I will be able to bring the department back to where it was two years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Brown, Jr.  
POLICE CHIEF

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (1/1/78 - 12/31/78)	289
1 car	29
2 car	183
3 car	7
Hit and Run	43
1 car & other (bike, motorcycle, telephone pole, etc.)	27

BELOW INFORMATION FROM (1/1/78 - 12/31/78)

Assault	23
B & E	5
Arson	2
Bad Checks	70
DWI	62
Drugs	6
General Complaints	53
Homicide	1
Juvenile	60
Motor Vehicle	211
Missing Persons	11
Robbery	14
Stolen Property	1
Sex Offense	3
Theft	12
Incoming phone calls (Approx. per week)	152
Insurance request forms	295
Parking Tickets	347

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Brown, Jr.  
POLICE CHIEF



## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to report that we had only two working structural fires this year. Although minor situations such as stove fires, TV's, lighting strikes, smoking furnaces, roof collapses and gas leaks were in abundance along with rescue calls and medical-aid calls.

The number of calls increased over last year as expected because of increasing population and industry, increases are attributed to a large number of medical-aid responses. This year we have instituted a rescue squad within the department under the direction of Deputy Chief Donald Petzold, consisting of 11 members (4 of which are regular E.M.T.'s). The squad operates between the hours of 6 P.M. to 6 A.M. During the daytime hours the rescue unit is operated by highly trained and capable members of the department. The reason for this was to cut the man hour response on the payroll during heavily manned hours. Also this year the Firemen's Association and members of the rescue squad have started a fund raising drive to purchase a brand new rescue unit to better serve the citizens of Plaistow at little or no cost to the town. The truck will be purchased with donations, proceeds from raffles and memorial funds already started by the association.

The number of grass and wood fires were down considerably from last year thanks to the cooperation of the people of Plaistow and also to the fact that we had a wet forest fire season. With this type of cooperation from the residents it looks like we can cut the response by another 20% next year. Please work with us in helping to prevent forest fires and to save our natural resources.

The Fire Department is inserting an article in the Town Warrant asking the voters to approve \$42,000.00 for the purchase of a new 2200 gallon tank truck to replace the present one which is in dire need of major repairs. This was totally unexpected until spring 1978 state inspection made us aware of the need of a new truck. We are in hopes of sending out invitations to bid shortly after this year's town meeting with delivery to take place approximately 90 days after the bid is awarded.

This year we are inserting a smoke detector ordinance in the building codes that will cover homes, businesses, kindergartens and any new or extensively remodeled buildings. As in passed years smoke detectors have been proven to save lives and property. I urge the townspeople to support us in the adoption of this ordinance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the townspeople, Selectmen, Police Department, Building Inspector, Fire Department members past and present for their continued support they have given me in my first year as Fire Chief. The department appreciates the support the town has extended to them making them better trained and better equipped to serve the residents of Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Brown  
FIRE CHIEF

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Total calls for 1978	197
Vehicles: Fires, Accidents	47
Gas Spills	
Structural: Residential minor inc. Chimney	25
Working fires	2
Commercial, Industrial, Schools	7
Brush: Grass, Woods, Dump, etc.	32
False Alarms	2
Medical Aid Response	88
Mutual Aid to Others	5
Mutual Aid from Others	3
Misc.	29

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Brown  
FIRE CHIEF

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE

Most citizens are unaware of the complexities of the Civil Defense program. It is continually being up-dated to keep abreast of National, Regional and Local needs. Communications between all types of emergency vehicles is of prime importance, in providing for efficiency in times of disaster. Plaistow is fortunate to have two types of regional communication systems serving this area. The Fire network is being revised with an up-dated radio system with an additional frequency. The main dispatch will be located in Atkinson, although it can be operated from several points. This provides for contact with all area Fire, Rescue and Ambulance vehicles and personnel. This system will also tie in with the Sheriff's Department in Exeter, which maintains contact with each police vehicle operating within the county. The combined networks afford us excellent coverage.

The Rescue Truck, funded through the Civil Defense budget, continues to play a more important role in the emergency services field. Plans are underway to raise money for a new rescue vehicle. It is anticipated that fund raising plans will produce sufficient revenue through various plans, and that no money will be required through the Town Warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Richard Latham  
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Guy L. Sawyer, Building Inspector

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully submit the following report on permits issued by this department from January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978.

	TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS	ESTIMATED COST
Dwellings	One Family	30	\$1,146,320.00
Mobile Homes		1	30,000.00
Commercial & Industrial		13	1,057,261.00
Alterations, Additions, Residential		111	274,189.00
Alterations, Additions, Comm., Ind.		35	151,751.00
Other		<u>2</u>	<u>4,650.00</u>
Total		192	\$2,664,171.00

The total number of building permits issued for the year was 192 compared to 256 in 1977.

The total estimated cost was \$2,664,171.00 in 1978 as compared to \$2,002,884.00 in 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy L. Sawyer  
BUILDING INSPECTOR



## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

### Tree Planting Program:

There were sixteen new trees planted this year in town. These included:

- 3 - Crimson King Maples
- 8 - Norway Maples
- 3 - Mountain Ash
- 2 - Shademaster Locust

All were chosen to their hardy, pest/disease free, and quick growing qualities. Locations which were considered for planting were those along roadsides where losses had occurred and residential areas where few trees already existed. Also, environment conditions such as soil and water supply were taken into consideration in selecting planting sites.

### Spraying:

In an attempt to control Dutch Elm Disease and prolong the life of the remaining Elm Trees in town, the spray program was continued in 1978. With the permission of the Conservation Commission, roadside Elm Trees were sprayed with the chemical methoxychor during a period in early spring which is critical to control and prevention of the disease. The spray program was contracted to Ralyston Tree Service and conducted with the aid of a hydraulic insecticide sprayer.

### Tree Removal:

There were a number of trees removed this year. All removals were conducted as a last resort measure - only when a tree located on town property presented a hazard to traffic, pedestrians and/or neighboring homes. Other than emergency situations, the member of the Board of Selectmen are notified before all removals for their consideration and approval. Of those trees removed, most were dead or near dead and standing in highly residential areas.

In summary, 1978 was a productive year for the Town of Plaistow in its effort to maintain and when possible to improve the quality of the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Pickersgill  
TREE WARDEN

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

What the board feels as being a far reaching, good and sound Master Plan has been completed. Only input from the Town Counsel and minor corrections are needed before the Plan is finally adopted by the Planning Board. This Master Plan will be a guide for future Planning Boards and is a result of much time and effort of the combined effort of the Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Commission (SRRPDC) and a small group of Plaistow citizens who were truly concerned with the future of their community. The dedication of this group of concerned citizens, who made up the Sounding Board, will be appreciated for generations to come.

The board granted approval for 87 additional building lots this year. A conditional approval, which had been given for a 4 lot subdivision in 1977, was rescinded because work on the necessary improvements had not commenced in the required time. Also, a previously approved 3 lot subdivision was changed to a 2 lot subdivision. This gave the town a net gain of 82 building lots this year. The majority of this increase is due to a single 47 lot subdivision which was approved this year and the total is up substantially from the 35 for the year 1977. Although the potential population growth is large if all of these lots are built on, it is interesting to note that the population of the southeast region of New Hampshire increased 4.7 percent between 1975 and 1977 while Plaistow only increased 1.6 percent. By comparison, Hampstead increased 4.3 percent, Kingston 5.4 percent, Newton 10.6 percent, Danville 11.1 percent and Sandown 40.4 percent in this same period of time. Twenty-nine commercial site development approvals were granted by the board.

The Short and Long Range Municipal Planning Committee, a sub-committee of the Planning Board, floundered after the completion of the Lagasse property recommendation. This committee needs citizen input. This is a chance for persons who are truly concerned about the future of municipal projects in Plaistow to become involved in determining that future.

We wish to extend our gratitude to J. Alden Palmer, Jr. for his many years of time and effort given to this board. We wish to thank Selectman Milton Todd and Eleanor Sargent for their services to this board.

The board welcomed Selectman Samuel Conti, Paul Marcotte and former board member and Selectman Thomas Cullen as members this year. We were also extremely fortunate in having two new alternates who have been very active with the board this year. They are Marc Antkowiak and David Ingerson.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles O. Stevens, II, Chairman  
Walter Pearson, Vice-Chairman  
Paul Marcotte, Secretary  
Thomas Cullen  
Samuel Conti, Selectman Rep.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met each month on its regularly scheduled hearing night, the last Thursday of the month.

The case load averaged three hearings a month which was less than the previous year due to the fact we were relieved of making decisions regarding placement of standard signs. This responsibility was placed in the hands of the Building Inspector.

The board made several on site inspections during the year to reinforce the decision making process.

The board will continually strive to make fair decisions based on the facts presented and within the framework of our zoning ordinance.

The members of the Board wish to express their gratitude for the capable assistance of the Recording Secretary, Ruth Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Wood, Chairman  
John D. Fitzgerald, Vice-Chairman  
John Hansbury, Secretary  
George E. Colby, Jr.  
Emile Langlois  
Ruth E. Palmer, Recording Secretary

### Alternate Members:

John Palmer  
Neil Walker  
William Simmons  
Robert Lamond



## REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

This past year has had a very good increase in dog licenses. We had over 750 dog licensed out of 900.

The department now has a disposal pit that is controlled and locked making it safe and cleaner. Many thanks go to the Highway Department for the cooperation and time they have furnished for a successful disposal pit.

There were too many dog bites this year caused by loose dogs which will stop if this department has its way.

I thank the many departments and residents who have worked with me to help reduce the dog problems.

The following list covers from 1/1/78 - 12/31/78:

Calls for information . . . . .	109
Calls for lost dogs . . . . .	81
Dog bites . . . . .	32
Dogs destroyed . . . . .	41
Dogs killed by Accidents . . . . .	28
Cats killed by Accidents . . . . .	42
Cats destroyed . . . . .	50
Dead skunks . . . . .	26
Live Skunks Trapped . . . . .	37
Horses unrestrained . . . . .	6
Dogs returned to owners . . . . .	51
Dogs given new homes . . . . .	62
Complaints of barking dogs . . . . .	75
Complaints of dogs killing fowl . . . . .	1
Bat complaints . . . . .	2
Beaver complaints . . . . .	2
Dead Raccoons . . . . .	7
Raccoons trapped . . . . .	11
Summons to court unlicensed dogs . . . . .	87
Summons issued to court other reasons . . . . .	3
Restraining orders issued . . . . .	31
Assist other Dog Officers . . . . .	8
Calls on abusive treatment . . . . .	12
Woodchucks trapped . . . . .	17
Dead woodchucks . . . . .	4
Dead Rabbits . . . . .	6
Dead Squirrels . . . . .	32
Stolen Dogs . . . . .	2
Injured Dogs . . . . .	7
Bat bites . . . . .	1
Fisher cats . . . . .	2
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	<u>877</u>

Let's work together on dog problems. Thank you for your cooperation this year and ask you your support next year.

Respectfully submitted,

101 Donald Sargent, DOG OFFICER



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The increase in the number of restaurants and fast food establishments in Plaistow necessitated a set of guidelines to be established for inspections. The Board of Health has been actively involved in carrying out inspections during the year. Restaurants both new and already in operation have been inspected periodically.

Any complaints that have been brought to the attention of the Board have been investigated and the restaurants have complied with the Boards suggestions.

Many septic system problems have been controlled with replacement systems. B. James Dube reported the adoption of town inspections on replaceable systems has made a marked improvement in the ability to remedy bad situations more readily.

Various other complaints received by Health Officer, Artemas J. W. Packard, M. D., have received prompt attention with necessary follow-up inspections until the problems have been rectified.

Respectfully submitted,

Artemas J. W. Packard, M.D.  
Harold R. Edelstein, D.C.  
B. James Dube

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

During 1978 many more people made use of the new Public Library on Elm Street with increases showing in the circulation figures each month. We have received many appreciative comments in regard to the brightly decorated interior and pleasant surroundings. The study area proves to be a popular spot for young people with school assignments and need of reference books.

In August the Trustees were sorry to accept the resignation of former Librarian Susan Allison who found it necessary to relocate. Much progress came about during the years she was Librarian.

Our staff now consists of Marjorie Knowles, Librarian; Muriel Herrick, Assistant Librarian; Linda Gates, Librarian's Assistant and Linda Jackman, Aide. Flo Rullo has been added to the staff as a substitute.

Two children's plays were presented during National Book Week and 67 children completed the Summer Reading Program, the largest group ever. They received their awards at a special party during Children's Book Week. The Story Hours are being held on a monthly basis and are proving very popular.

We are very pleased and encouraged by the formation of a new Friends of the Library group headed by Carol Springer. They have already had a success with their Old Home Day and bake sales and are involved in furthering the plans for the completion of the second floor space. This would provide an area for children's programming and a function room available to all town groups as needed, plus storage room for back issues of periodicals and a room for the Historical Society.

We have a growing collection of paper-back books in our swap collection and have also added a pattern and coupon swap.

The locked display case has become an enjoyable way to exhibit interests of local people and we welcome any persons who would like to display a hobby.

We are currently involved in meeting with other area Librarians who are planning a co-operative book-buying group which would result in a greater discount on new books.

The Trustees and staff wish to thank all who have made donations to the Library during the year.

Our staff hopes to continue to advance the aims of Library and to serve residents. We are open to suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Knowles  
LIBRARIAN

# REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	

Books Purchased . . . . .	700
Gifts . . . . .	476
Magazines Purchased . . . . .	59
Magazines by Gifts . . . . .	10
Books Discarded . . . . .	305
Total Volumes in the Library . . . . .	14,582
Adult Fiction . . . . .	9,410
Non-Fiction . . . . .	4,081
Magazines . . . . .	2,443
Juveniles . . . . .	9,752
Records . . . . .	149
Total Circulation . . . . .	25,835
New Borrowers . . . . .	359
Days Open . . . . .	200

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Knowles  
LIBRARIAN

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

This has been a year of change for the Recreation Commission. During the year we have accepted, with regrets the resignations of three of our members. We would like to offer sincere thanks to Rosemarie Bayek, Dorothy Ketchum and Nickolas Sarbanis for their years of service to the commission. Because of their dedication to the recreational needs of Plaistow this commission has been able to grow and offer more service and programs to people of the town.

The commission would like to thank Jerry Lovett for the years of service to the recreation programs in the Timberlane District. He has many times been the driving force behind the athletic programs in town, and it would be hard to imagine trying to get by without him.

In our efforts toward increasing the use of the Ingalls Terrace Recreation Area, a drinking fountain was installed. An unknown source of pollution of the water has forced the locking of the pump until the source of the pollution can be found and corrected.

The Summer Band Concerts, which have been enjoyable entertainment for residents of all ages, were increased in number this year. The commission would like to thank the Haverhill Municipal Band, Merrimack Valley Guitar Club, Timberlane Stage Band, Sagebrush and The Little Red Wagon (a play group sponsored by UNH) for their participation in this years concert series.

The 1978 Summer Recreation Program was the most successful ever thus far. There were more than 200 Plaistow youths attending the program over a six week period. This years program was expanded to include bowling instruction and roller skating parties.

We also sponsored several field trips to various educational and recreational sites which involved over 100 children and parents on each trip. There were also performances by the Little Red Wagon Theatre Group. At the end of the Summer Recreation Program a family day was held. This annual event attracted more than 250 people and was a fitting finish to a successful season.

The Recreation Commission has been striving to get more adults involved in the programs we offer. The commission will sponsor annual tennis and horseshoe tournaments for the Junior Division (14-18) and the Senior Division (18 and up). This year we will again offer a mixed doubles tennis league and horseshoe league.

The Timberlane Junior Basketball League is run for boys in grades 4 through 8 from Plaistow and Atkinson. This program involves over 100 boys in three leagues. This year teams from Hampstead and Groveland were involved. Games were played in Hampstead and Groveland which made it possible for the boys to get more playing time.



REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION (CONT.)

The Timberlane Football League has another successful year. The Junior Division involved three teams from the Timberlane District and four teams from the Haverhill League. The Timberlane Football League also sponsored two teams in the Greater Haverhill Y.M.C.A. League. This years program involved 44 boys from Plaistow.

The Timberlane Junior Baseball League had still another successful season. The enrollment was up substantially from last year creating the need for additional teams. In total there are thirty-two teams covered under seven leagues. These leagues include: PeeWee, Minor, Intermediate, Junior B, Junior A, Senior and Babe Ruth. The Junior B League is a new addition to the program and covers youngsters from the ages of 9 to 12 which will be good prospects for next years Junior A teams.

The league had over 337 Plaistow boys and girls involved in the program this year. Running a program of this size requires a great deal of planning and supervision. The league always welcomes parents and other interested people to become involved in league activities. The league wishes to thank Mike Chase for the tremendous amount of work he has performed over the years. Mike has recently moved from Plaistow, and will be greatly missed. We wish him good luck where ever he goes.

Thanks also to Nancy Pearson who organized the softball program and all the mothers who helped her with a successful season for the 4th and 5th graders.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all the people who have worked with us to make the recreation programs within the town such a tremendous success. However to keep programs like this going and growing, more help from the townspeople is needed. Many of the leagues in town need help in coaching, administrative and many other jobs. This is a chance for parents to get closer to their children during their childrens' growing years. What better way is there to spend time with your child than to become interested and active in the things which interest them? So this year answer the peas of the leagues and programs in town and become involved. We think you will find what others, who have already become involved have found. That being actively involved in your childs interest and growing (both mentally and physically) can be much more rewarding than to just passively watch from the sidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McPherson, Chairman  
Sue Sherman, Secretary  
Barbara James, Treasurer  
Earl Smith  
Blanche Ventura  
Paul Timson

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

During the year 1978 we maintained an attractive looking cemetery while keeping within the budget.

We were kept very busy this summer as the cemetery needed and received a weekly mowing along with much trimming to keep it looking good.

We expect 1979 to be a good growing year, which will increase the size of our budget due to three minimum factors:

1. An increase in the minimum wage.
2. Increases in gasoline prices.
3. The ban on burning which means that leaves will have to be carted away instead of being burned.

We tried to accommodate the wishes of lot owners. Anyone wishing special attention on their lot is asked to contact me before May 1, 1979 and we will guarantee the work to be done within a two week period preceding Memorial Day.

I wish to express my thanks to town officials and lot owners for their cooperation in 1978.

Anyone wishing to help with cemetery maintenance or the setting up of cemetery regulations for 1979 is asked to contact me as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Reed  
CEMETERY SEXTON

REPORT OF THE  
SOUTHERN ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Commission (SRRPDC) of which Plaistow is a long-standing member, provides a variety of planning related services to its member municipalities. Those services can be broadly described as local technical planning assistance, regional planning assistance and coordination assistance.

Facilitation of all SRRPDC services to the Town of Plaistow was greatly aided during 1978 by the town's capable administrative assistants. They helped to provide the continuity necessary to assure that the town received the assistance it sought from the regional planning agency.

Local assistance services provided the town by the SRRPDC during 1978 consisted of the following:

1. Preparation of a report on the tax rate impacts of adopting wetland zoning in the town.
2. Numerous on-site soils investigations of proposed subdivisions.
3. Review of non-residential site plan review procedures.
4. Review of several subdivision applications for their water quality, transportation or legal impacts on the town.
5. Review of zone change proposals for the 1978 Town Meeting.
6. Completion of a pre-draft report on the Plaistow Town Plan.
7. Tabulation of Plaistow traffic accident data.
8. Review of state highway department prepared draft report entitled "Plaistow Transportation Study."
9. Preparation of "land capability for development" maps for town.

SRRPDC regional planning activities which benefited Plaistow during 1978 included:

1. Revision of soil type-lot size regulations, waste water control and erosion, sediment control regulations and wetland zoning proposals for the region.
2. Preparation of a report on region-wide water quality conditions.
3. Preparation of workshops on growth management, municipal law and wetlands.
4. Preparation of a Salem-Plaistow Transportation Plan.
5. Preparation of the 1978 Transportation Improvement Program for Salem and Plaistow.
6. Preparation of a computer-based geo-coding file for potential use in Salem and Plaistow.

SRRPDC coordination assistance is typically aid in the submission of a grant application or in resolving a difficulty between the town and another level of government. The SRRPDC during 1978 assisted Plaistow in resolving some roadway improvement project difficulties it was having with the state highway department.

1978 was year of substantial SRRPDC assistance for Plaistow. We look forward to 1979, and the continued help of the regional planning agency in town planning projects.

John Gilmore, Plan. Dir., Thomas Cullen & Donald McKendry, Comm.



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1978, the commission was involved in two gravel pit renewal applications and one application for gravel removal. Involvement with these applications and the monitoring of the areas after the permits have been issued is a regular function of the commission. This is in accordance with town and state ordinances.

Because of the law, price of waste paper, a paper recycling program is not economically feasible. The commission is still waiting for the proper time to start a paper recycling program.

This year more than 750 gallons of waste oil was collected from the waste oil tank at the town disposal area. This tank was placed there by the Highway Department through the efforts of the commission for use by the townspeople. The oil collected provides a two fold benefit. First, it represents 750 gallons of a natural resource that has been recycled and second, it is 750 gallons of oil that has been disposed of properly and therefore has been kept out of our underground drinking water sources.

Presently the Conservation Commission is working with the Planning Board in formulating better regulations concerning wetlands. Wetland proposals will include such things as closeness of sewerage and waste disposal areas and domestic wells to wetland areas.

The commission has inserted an Article in the Town Warrant to raise \$2,500.00 for the purchase of land. Periodically land becomes available for purchase and the commission has not had the money for this in the past. New Hampshire laws allow for Conservation Commissions to set up reserve accounts for this purpose. There are many grants available and the commission will apply for them when land purchase is feasible. Even with grants some town money will be required for the purchase, legal, and surveying cost involved. The commission felt a reserve fund would be valuable for this purpose. Open spaces for wetland and wildlife protection and general recreation uses are extremely valuable for a balanced environment in any town.

The commission has also inserted an Article in the Town Warrant to have land acquired by Tax Collectors deed reviewed by the commission before any action is taken on such lands.

The commission wishes to thank all the people who have worked with us to make the Conservation work town wide. Also the commission accepted with regrets the resignation of Chairman Charles O. Stevens and members Edward LaFave and Joseph MacFarlane.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl L. Smith, Chairman  
Randolph Pickersgill, Secretary  
Donald Durand  
Russell Sargent  
Lawrence Gill  
Charles Cox  
Peter Mertinooke



## REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

At the annual March Town Meeting of 1978 the people of Plaistow raised and appropriated \$500.00 so that on July 4th all the residents could set aside this day to meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

To open the festivities the People of Pollard School presented a children's parade which ended at the Band Stand, and expertly judged by the XYZ Club.

At the opening ceremony Selectman Chairman LeRoy Dube welcomed one and all, and Cliff Cook spoke on the history of the town. Barry Sargent presented the towns Bicentennial flag and banner for dedication. The Town raised and appropriated \$300.00 for the preservation of these artifacts, with Carter Keezers inscription, and John Colby donating the frames.

An ecumenical service was presented by the local churches, refreshments were served by the Boy Scouts and Lions Club, and the dunking pool was popular all day.

Local residents displayed their talents with an arts and crafts exhibition, sponsored by the Historical Society. The Police and Fire Departments had their popular softball game, which was decided in the last inning with a winning hit by Dave Sargent.

There were games for the children, with the always enjoyable hay-rides and Fire engine rides. A special visit by Governor Thomson was very enjoyable. We also raised our American flag, which had flown over the U. S. Capitol, and donated by Senator McIntyre.

Our old New England tradition of a beanhole supper was served to over 400 residents by the Fish and Game Club.

A band concert and dance on the village green, plus the closing ceremony brought the day to an enjoyable ending.

There is no way we could mention everyone, but a sincere thanks to all who made the day possible, and we look forward to our 3rd annual Old Home Day in 1979.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Sargent, Chairman  
Linda McKay, Vice-Chairman  
Marsha Gallotti, Secretary  
Dennis Cronin, Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During the year 1977, the Historical Society moved into its new room upstairs in the Town Hall. It is small, but it is a start. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month excepting July and August, at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. We always welcome visitors.

We have started recording elderly citizens and getting their memories of Plaistow's past. We have recorded our planting of the Purple Plum Tree in 1975 dedicated to the women of 2075 as the women of Plaistow did in 1875. We have recorded the speeches of our State Representatives, also Barry Sargent's presentation of the preserved Town Flag and banner, also Governor Meldrin Thomson and Cliff Cook at Old Home Day.

We have photographed public buildings in town and the latest town officers, such as Selectmen, Town Clerk, Police, School employees, Treasurer, etc. for those citizens 100 years from now to use as their reference.

At the 1977 Town Meeting we appropriated \$500.00 for a display case and storage cabinet for artifacts. We have purchased two lovely antique display cases and welcome the public to view them. In the future we hope to find a more convenient place to set these cases and have public displays on a regular basis.

More and more articles are being placed in our custody all the time. All of these articles belong to the townspeople and it is our concern to see that they stay in their proper place so that everyone can enjoy them.

During Town Hall renovations this year several old bottles and a cannon ball were found behind the wall of the men's room. Also found was an original window shade dating late 1800's. Also were found two very old swords which we have not dated yet. When the Town Hall kitchen was disassembled the Village Improvement Association dishes were saved. These dishes were used by the Association for public functions when annual dinners were served.

We were involved in the Old Home Day celebration in which we managed the Arts and Crafts tables encouraging young and old to display and sell their handiwork.

Frequently we have guest speakers and outings and hope that the people of Plaistow will feel welcome to come and share thoughts, ideas, or memories with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Galotti, President  
Richard Bowen, Vice-President  
Jean Smith, Secretary  
Robert Galotti, Treasurer









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Durham, N.H.